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Wakf property unfrozen

By ANAN SAFADI
Jm Post Arab Affairs Reporter

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llows an extensive survey Arab community carried the occasion of the State's niversary. The new policy en approved by the Ca-

ne with it, Prime Minister as instructed that posts be found in Government ministries for several thousand Arab high school and college graduates. The Civil Service Commissioner and the Attorney General are checking ways of allowing such employment without violating rules governing job tenders.

Following the War of Independence, Wakf properties were frozen in the hands of the Government Custodian of Abandoned property. The trust is composed mostly of revenues from property.

Mrs. Meir has also reportedly recommended that all political parties in Israel open their doors to Arab membership. As for her own Labour party, Mrs. Meir is expected to call on the Central Committee, probably next week, to debate the opening of the party and its institutions to Israeli Arabs without restrictions.

The Prime Minister's Advisor on Arab Affairs, Mr. Shmuel Toledano, will this week contact regional Kadis and Moslem councils on the takeover of Wakf community property. Leases made over the years by the Custodian would be eventually transferred to the Moslem Councils which in turn would collect revenues for the benefit of the Moslem community, which forms 70 per cent of Israel's Arab population.

Mr. Toledano was expected to declare the release of the Moslem Wakf property first in Acre, then in Jaffa and later in other parts of the country.



UP — At left, the two Russians ousted from the Politburo; at right, the three new members. (AP radiophotos)

Kremlin shake-up bolsters Brezhnev's 'Westpolitik'

(Reuter). — The Kremlin announced here Friday ers the prestige of party nid Brezhnev and re- t the main drive of So- in the 'seventies is to- nomic cooperation with nd Western Europe.

gement by experienced n Moscow followed swift- ews that the Communist dropped two leaders, op- the Kremlin's "Westpoli-

ame time word came of ion of three well-known ials into the top ranks of Politburo: Marshal An- ko, 69, Defence Minister, omyko, Soviet Foreign nd Yuri Andropov, head B (security forces).

purged men were Pyotr rmerly boss of the Uk- ty, who was also charg- eing soft on nationalism ically unsound, and Gen- ov, a colourless Kremlin appeared to have fall- riculture.

Both dropped leaders belonged to the army, a warning to China, and the conservative wing of the Communist Party, which doubted the wisdom of Mr. Brezhnev's historic opening up to the West.

This wing, apparently a minority, believes that before seeking accommodation with the imperialist leader in the White House the Kremlin should aim at a truce with its powerful Communist neighbour, China.

The debate, which puts the formal seal of party approval on the Brezhnev policy, took place in the Kremlin on Thursday and Friday in total secrecy.

A resolution approved by the party plenum singled out Mr. Brezhnev for sole individual mention as the man who had made a "great personal contribution" to the achievement of foreign policy aims.

The great Soviet turning point which culminated Friday night in these new appointments began in the 'fifties after Stalin's death and reached a peak with the formulation of a Soviet party peace programme in 1969.

The Kremlin's world plan sketched out at that time sought treaties with West Germany, since signed and ratified, formally sanctioning the postwar frontiers of Europe. Behind this appears to lie the concept of a bi-polar world system with the Soviet Union and the U.S. in control and second level roles allotted to Japan, western Europe and China.

The promotion of Marshal Grechko direct from the ranks of the 240-man Central Committee into the ruling Politburo of 16 men was viewed as a reassurance to the army, a warning to China, and an indication that however strong the momentum towards detente, Soviet control in Eastern Europe would not be relaxed.

Marshal Grechko crushed the East Berlin uprising in 1953 and masterminded the Czechoslovak invasion of 1968.

To maintain tight discipline at home, both in the industrial field where productivity is running dangerously low and in the offensive against an incipient political underground, KGB chief Andropov has been brought up into the ruling body.

This ends a period of relative disgrace for the KGB after Stalin's death when they were accused of rigging trials, torture and other violations of Socialist legality.

Six killed on roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

Six persons were killed and 13 others injured, nine of them seriously, in road accidents over the weekend. Another person succumbed to injuries sustained in an accident last week.

A collision between an army ambulance and a car at the outskirts of Nahariya took the lives of three and seriously injured six more yesterday. The dead are: Nissim Levi, 34, the car driver, his son Shlomo, 4, and his sister-in-law Rachel David, all of Kiryat Haim. The ambulance driver and a passenger, as well as four other passengers in the Levi car, were seriously injured.

A head-on collision between two cars near Kibbutz Alonim on the Haifa-Nazareth road, took the life of a Bat Yam resident yesterday afternoon. The man, whose name was not available last night, was driving one of the cars. The other driver and three passengers in both cars were injured.

A collision between two cars on the coastal road near Netanya claimed the life of Rosa Sherman, 21, of Kfar Saba, Friday night. The driver of the car in which she was travelling was injured seriously, while the driver and a passenger of the other car were injured lightly.

A 50-year-old pedestrian, Moshe Armoni, was struck down and killed by a commercial van on the Geha-Raanana road Friday. The driver was detained.

Albert Cohen, injured by a train last week as he crossed the tracks on his way to the Cave of Elija, died of his injuries at Rambam Hospital on Wednesday.

Acting FBI chief resigns

Nixon ponders Watergate repercussions

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon retired to his Camp David mountain retreat in Maryland over the weekend to ponder the repercussions of the abrupt resignation of acting FBI chief Patrick Gray and his disclosure that he had burned documents compiled by a Watergate conspirator.

Before leaving Washington, Mr. Nixon took decisive action to restore confidence by swiftly naming a new acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, William Ruckelshaus, and telling him to conduct an honest and thorough investigation of the bugging last year of the Watergate office building headquarters here of the Democratic Party.

Speaking to newsmen after a 45-minute meeting with President Nixon on Friday afternoon, Mr. Ruckelshaus, 40, quoted the President as saying that "no matter who was involved in the (Watergate) matter there will be no sparing of anybody." Mr. Ruckelshaus said he expected to serve in the position about two months, until a permanent director was found and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Gray handed in his resignation on Friday when it became known he had destroyed two files of documents found in the White House office of Howard Hunt, one of the seven men convicted in the bugging conspiracy. The documents were said to have been concocted by Mr. Hunt to discredit Democrats.

Mr. Gray said he was told to destroy the records by John Dean, the White House counsel who is already reported to have been deeply involved in the bugging and in the attempted White House cover-up of the affair, and by John Ehrlichman, one of the President's most trusted aides.

But Mr. Ehrlichman has denied

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Meir: Israel must be ready for war

Israel must be prepared for a resumption of hostilities along her borders, even though the Arab countries are fully aware that they would not benefit from another war, Prime Minister Golda Meir said yesterday.

Speaking to interviewers from the army radio station and the army magazine "Bamahaneh," the Premier said:

"(Egyptian President Anwar Sadat) is in trouble and history can testify that Arab leaders have been in trouble on more than one occasion in the past. The simplest thing (for him) is to go to war. In the final analysis, what does that entail? Only the sacrifice of human lives. So if Sadat can talk about a million, or two or three million, lives, it could happen. And having made our evaluation we must tell ourselves — and I know we are in fact doing this — that it would be just as well for us to be prepared."

In the wide-ranging interview, marking her 75th birthday May 3 and Israel's 25th Independence Day May 7, Mrs. Meir said she did not expect that the reported energy crisis in the U.S. would lead Washington to abandon Israel in favour of the Arab nations because of the oil they produce.

(More details of Mrs. Meir's interview — page 3).

Our Arab Affairs reporter adds:

Syrian President Hafez Assad is expected to visit Cairo soon to discuss whether Egypt is determined to break the 32-month-old Middle East cease-fire, Beirut's "An-Nahar" said yesterday. It added that Syrian armed forces have been placed on alert amid fears of an Israeli strike across the Golan Heights, where Syrian-based terrorists have recently made a number of sabotage attempts.

Meanwhile, street lights in Cairo were dimmed by 25 per cent over the weekend, as part of Egypt's preparations for a "total confrontation" with Israel. The partial blackout, which was last introduced in November 1971 as President Anwar Sadat's "decisive year" came to a close, coincided with reports that Egypt is preparing large-scale war manoeuvres, including civil defence exercises.

Engineers likely to strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A general strike of 30,000 engineers and technicians seems likely from Wednesday unless an impasse is broken in negotiations with the Civil Service Commission. The possibility also exists that the 10,000 engineers will strike while the 20,000 technicians stay at work.

Engineers Union Secretary Aharon Medaness explained to *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the negotiations broke down when the Commission announced that it would in future no longer pay special emoluments to union members holding masters and Ph.D. degrees.

Mr. Medaness noted that these payments were agreed upon in a previous series of negotiations after arbitration binding on both parties. He said that a meeting of the strike policy committee of the two unions is to be held today and only then will the engineers union know whether the technicians will join their strike.

Japan strike ends

TOKYO (Reuter). — Japan's biggest transport strike ended early yesterday after government mediation, but officials estimated it would be at least another day before traveling conditions throughout the country returned to normal.

HOLOCAUST MARTYRS HONOURED

Jerusalem Post Staff

Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, the annual tribute to the six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust, began last night with "Yizkor" services and prayer meetings in all parts of the country. Flags were lowered to half-mast, and the big-city streets which are usually bustling on Saturday nights were nearly deserted.

Cinemas, theatres, cafes and other places of entertainment were closed. The restaurants in Tel Aviv-Jaffa which remained open — a few of the most expensive ones — played no music and cancelled their floor shows.

The main assemblies commemorating the Holocaust were held last night at Hechal Shlomo (the seat of the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem) and at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and the Minister for Religious Affairs, Zerah Warhaftig, attended the remembrance assembly in Jerusalem. Another large assembly was held at Yad Vashem last night for high school students.

In Haifa a memorial assembly at the Municipal Theatre was attended by former Chief of Staff Haim Laskov, who stressed that the Jews had fought back against the Nazis during World War II — "as

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EL AL MAN SLAIN IN ROME STREET





At right, Black September killer "Zaharia Abu Saleh," 23, makes "V"-sign Friday night on being transferred to jail after questioning at Rome police headquarters. Earlier that day Abu Saleh, who carried a Lebanese passport, shot and killed Italian El Al employee Vittorio Olivares, 35, (above) in front of Rome's biggest department store. (AP radiophotos)

ROME (Reuter). — A Black September killer who shot dead an Italian employee of El Al airlines in Rome on Friday may have assassinated the wrong man, police said yesterday.

Vittorio Olivares, 35, was killed in broad daylight outside a busy department store here by a man identified from his Lebanese passport as Zaharia Abu Saleh, 23. After shooting Olivares twice with a pistol he had concealed in a briefcase, Abu Saleh ran off but was overpowered by a police guard. Witnesses said he shouted as he was arrested. "He had to die because he was a spy."

Rome police, however, said yesterday they did not rule out the possibility that Abu Saleh — who did not know his victim's name — was in fact meant to have killed Moshe Adad, 40, an El Al chief in Rome who resembles Olivares. They said Olivares had only worked for El Al for two years, after eight years with the British Airline BOAC, and had planned to switch to Singapore Airlines shortly because he was worried after El Al personnel had received threats.

El Al employees described Olivares as a quiet man who liked gardening and gave no signs of leading a double life. He is survived by his 32-year-old wife, who is in her eighth month of pregnancy, and his son, 6.

Abu Saleh told police during six hours of questioning that: "I had to kill the man because he played a very important role in the assassination of Wail Abdel Zuaiter."

Zuaiter, who was the Fatah representative here and believed to be a cousin of terrorist leader Yasser Arafat, was shot dead last October in the courtyard of his home here. Abu Saleh told police he did not know the name of the man he had been told to kill but merely had a photograph and a dossier on his victim. Speaking fluent English and Italian, he said he had been sent to Rome by Black September after other Black September terrorists had carried out an investigation into Zuaiter's killing.

(UPI reports from Cairo that Black September yesterday broadcast a denial of responsibility for the killing over the Cairo-based "Voice of Palestine," claiming "several quarters have started using the name Black September as a front for realizing their own personal objectives").

Police said Abu Saleh used an Egyptian Helwan pistol with a silencer. The pistol's magazine was loaded alternatively with high-penetration Israeli bullets and British bullets which exploded on impact.

The tall, blond killer, whose Lebanese passport police believe may be a fake, beamed at photographers on his way to jail and gave them a "V-for-Victory" sign.

Police said Abu Saleh arrived in Rome on April 19 and had been studying ways of killing his man ever since. They also said he had told them he feared he was being tailed by Israeli secret service men.

Meanwhile, El Al Rome representative Eliyahu Ben-Israel yesterday discounted the theory that the killer had got the wrong man. In an interview broadcast by Israel Radio, he also said he had learned that another Black September man in Rome had given Abu Saleh a photograph of Olivares.

3 held in Beirut

BEIRUT. — Two Lebanese arrested at Beirut airport Friday for having 10 kilograms of dynamite and detonators in their suitcases have told military investigators they were asked to deliver it to Nice, Beirut press reports said yesterday. The men, Michel George Makhlouf and Sayf Ali Hamdan, said they were students at Paris schools.

Early on Friday, police arrested a Palestinian terrorist carrying three hand grenades near the American embassy here. Hassan Tuhami, 27, told police he was a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and said, when stopped, he was on his way home and did not intend to use the grenades against the embassy. *(AP, UPI)*

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Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather Synopsis: A weak Red Sea trough is moving into our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	37	9—18	8—20
Golan	67	6—15	7—17
Naharlya	56	12—21	11—22
Safad	51	7—17	6—19
Haifa	—	— —	14—23
Tiberias	35	15—30	14—27
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Shomron	49	10—18	9—20
Tel Aviv	48	12—20	11—22
Lod	42	9—33	7—25
Jericho	31	11—37	10—28
Gaza	59	12—31	10—32
Beersheba	38	9—23	7—25
Eilat	14	16—32	17—32
Tiran	29	21—29	18—30

Social and Personal

Canadian Ambassador T. Paul Malone opened an exhibition of sculptures by the Canadian sculptress Alice Winant at the Hadassah Gallery in Tel Aviv yesterday.

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The Costa Rican Ambassador, Mrs. Carmen Naranjo, on Thursday visited the Yerushalayim elementary school in Bat Yam, where she took part in a ceremony held to mark the end of a study period on Latin America and Costa Rica. Mrs. Naranjo was later the guest of Bat yam Mayor Menahem Rothschild.

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Operation Wheelchair, a group of British volunteer-women which provides rehabilitation equipment for injured soldiers, held a fund-raising evening at the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel last week. Among the guests were Health Minister Victor Shemtov, and members of the Diplomatic corps. The event was organized by Mrs. Lily Perry, chairman of Operation Wheelchair in London, and Peter Barr, a former Royal Air Force officer now living in Israel.

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A community centre named for the late Clive Bennet, has been dedicated at Dovev, on the Lebanese border, in the presence of the donors, the Bennet and Segal families, officers of the Joint Palestine Appeal in Britain and Ireland, representatives of the Government, the army, the Jewish Agency, the Moshav Movement, the Regional Council and the local residents.

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The wedding reception of Labour Party spokesman Yoram Peri and Pnina (nee Einiklicht) took place at their Ramat Hasharon home on Thursday. The large number of guests included Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Labour Minister Yosef Almogi, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Labour Party secretary-general Aharon Yadlin and other Labour Party leaders.

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service for Ilan Landesman, one of the founders of Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar, was held at the Upper Galilee Regional Council centre on Friday, the 30th day after his death.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, acting president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, from a Mexican-Israeli scientific symposium in Mexico and a tour of the U.S. and Canada on Institute business.

DEPARTURES

The Rumanian Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, Nicolae Nicolae, at the head of an eight-man delegation which came to Israel to discuss Israel's trade pact with Rumania.

Dr. Arthur Levinson of the Department of Ophthalmology at Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, president of the Israel Optometric Association, to Brussels, to attend the International Optical and Optometric Congress.

Mr. Moshe Kashti, managing director of Zim, for the U.S., on company business (by El Al).

Seized trying to hide on QE2

HAIFA. — Apparently using a Histadrut passbook as a seaman's pass, a 24-year-old man slipped by two checkpoints and boarded the Queen Elizabeth 2 on Friday despite the security measures taken for the luxury liner.

British officers aboard the liner, found Meir Miara of Ashdod almost immediately after he boarded the ship, said National Police spokesman Michael Bochner.

Miara was arrested on charges of attempting to leave the country illegally and was remanded in custody for five days. Miara had admitted he tried to hide aboard the ship.

SIMA SHURDAKER, the Ashdod girl who went to Los Angeles for a rare kidney operation, is due back today. A public fund-raising campaign provided Sima and her mother with over IL140,000 for the trip and expenses.

Israel embassy confirms French press reports on Mirage transfer

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

PARIS — The Israel Embassy here yesterday confirmed French press reports that full maintenance equipment to make Egypt's newly acquired Libyan Mirages operational against Israel has been moved to Egyptian bases in the Nile valley.

While declining to substantiate every detail of the latest disclosures here, embassy officials agreed that Libyan transport planes have been shifting enough weapons, munitions, starter motors and tools into Egypt for about 30 Mirages over the past five weeks.

The daily "Le Figaro" reported yesterday that the 18 Mirages now in Egypt had arrived there by stages. Their first stop was Tobruk, from where they took off for the Egyptian bases of Beni Sueif and Fayoum. The Israeli authorities have communicated to France the exact time of departure and arrival of the Mirages transferred to Egypt.

Israeli sources here described the repeated denials by France that the planes have been shifted as "completely inexplicable."

An Israeli official said: "The lieutenant-colonel commanding the French mission in Tripoli was bound to notice the departure of these 18 aircraft. The French know perfectly well what happened afterwards. So what is the point of splitting hairs or using delaying tactics and waiting for the problematical return of the planes to Libya?"

From Tobruk, Libya's Mirages would be able to operate throughout Egyptian air space right up to the Suez Canal, which was beyond their range from Tripoli.

The Middle East expert of "Le Figaro" commented: "It is becoming increasingly difficult to admit that the planes sold to Colonel Gaddafi remain 'outside the battlefield area', a fiction which French diplomacy nevertheless continues to hang on to."

"Le Monde" reported yesterday that all information about the Mirages' movements had been obtained by U.S. C-130 Hercules reconnaissance aircraft which are on permanent patrol over the Mediterrannean.

On March 21 two Libyan Mirages opened fire on a Hercules off Tripoli while the American plane was on what the U.S. authorities later admitted was an electronic espionage mission. The Hercules dived into a cloud to escape its pursuers and flew back to its base in Greece undamaged.

Sewer gas kills five in Hebron

Five Hebron men — four of them from the same prominent family — met their deaths on Friday afternoon when they were overcome one after another by deadly fumes from a cesspool. A sixth man, the family's elderly head, was taken unconscious to Hebron hospital.

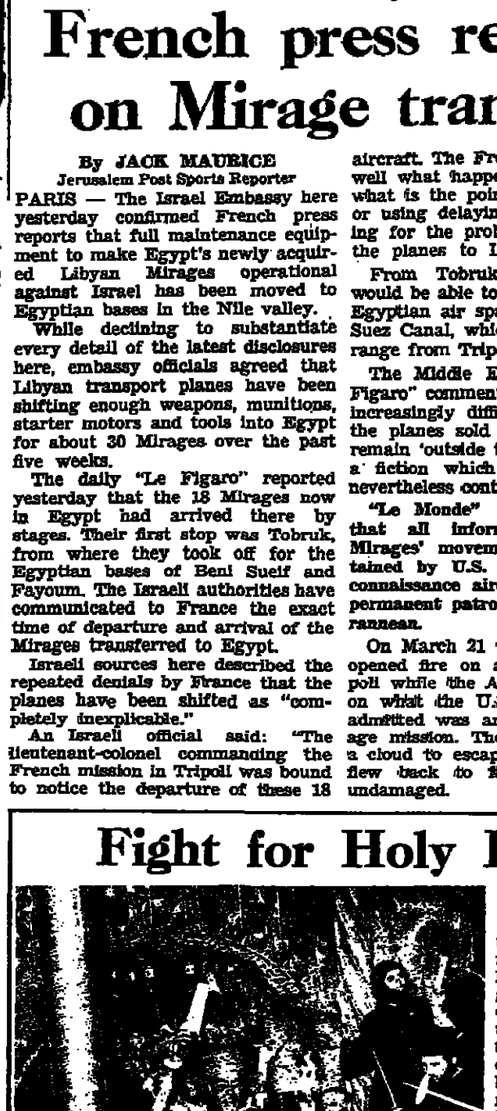
Muhammad al-Rajabi, 75, head of Hebron's al-Rajabi clan, had hired Radwan Jubrin el-Ajlouni to open the blocked exit to the cesspool under the family's kitchen. Standing in another, empty pit, al-Ajlouni managed to open the blockage but was choked to death as great amounts of deadly fumes suddenly burst forth.

When al-Ajlouni failed to appear, Na'im al-Rajabi, 25, went down to the pit to help him and was apparently killed immediately by the fumes. Na'im's brother Isma'il, 26, then went to find the two and was trapped in turn. When his screams were heard in the house above Ahmed al-Rajabi, 65, rushed into the pit and was choked to death like the three who had preceded him.

At that point family head Muhammad al-Rajabi and Abdul Rahim al-Rajabi, 45, also entered the pit. Both were overcome, but police and firemen who had arrived meanwhile managed to pull the elderly al-Rajabi out and get him to hospital alive. The other man was already dead, the fifth to be claimed by the pit.

High police officials, including Judea deputy commander Rav-Pakad Yitzhak Shekel, visited the house shortly afterwards to begin their investigation and offer their condolences. They were joined by many Hebronites, including Mayor Muhammad Ali Ja'abari. Sheikh Ja'abari asked the military government to give special permission for members of the al-Rajabi clan to cross the Allenby Bridge from Jordan yesterday — a day the bridge is normally closed — in order to take part in the funeral. *(Itim.)*

Fight for Holy Fire



Competition to light candles from the Holy Fire which inaugurates the Eastern Easter was the cause of a two-hour-long fracas between members of the Armenian and Syrian Orthodox churches yesterday at the Holy Sepulchre. In the top picture, Armenian Father Guiregh Kapigian, borne on his congregants' shoulders, emerges from the Holy Sepulchre with the Holy Fire to light candles outstretched before him. The Holy Fire symbolizes Jesus' resurrection and the beginning of Easter according to the Julian calendar. The fight began when a Syrian Orthodox man, in his rush for the first light, jumped onto Father Kapigian. In the bottom picture, the fight is broken up by police re-inforced by a riot squad, who arranged peace negotiations between the Bishops of the two communities. Meanwhile, thousands of Greek Orthodox held their rites outside the church. Their ranks were swelled by pilgrims from Greece and Cyprus.
(Nenejian photos)

New Safad hospital opens two sections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — With the birth of a 3.4 kilo baby, a press conference and without speech-making, the new Government hospital here, named for Rivka Sieff, opened its first two departments on Friday: the maternity and gynaecological wards. They were transferred to the new building, on the southern fringe of the town, with a superb view of the Galilee hills, Lake Kinneret and the Gil'ad mountains. The project took eight years to build and cost IL40m.

Hospital director Dr. Mordechai Ravid said the two departments had now at their disposal 75 out of the scheduled 257 beds and all general services. In four months' time further departments and the X-ray institute are to be transferred from the old building erected 80 years ago by Baron Edmond de Rothschild. The tuberculosis, psychiatric and geriatric wards are to remain there.

When completed, the new hospital will have 500 beds, a staff of 520, up-to-date equipment, and will serve a population of 100,000 in Upper and Lower Galilee and Golan.

Its kitchen uses infra-red heating for deep-frozen standard and dietary meals. "Entirely functional," was how chief nurse Zahava Ben-Nafthan described the hospital. It was designed by Rechter-Zarchi-Perry of Tel Aviv and has separate levels for ambulances, for sterile and non-sterile work and for outpatients.

'C-o-L rise to be lower, Meshel says

TEL AVIV. — Overall price rises for the first six months of 1973 should not exceed seven per cent, and the total rise in the cost of living for 1973 should be lower than last year.

This was the view expressed last week by Yeruham Meshel, assistant Histadrut Secretary-General. Mr. Meshel urged that the Histadrut and government not regard compensation to needy families as sufficient to offset rising prices, but rather concentrate on preventing inflation.

The world trend to a return to stability in prices and currency exchange rates will likely be felt in Israel, he said. Meanwhile, clear marking of weights and prices on all food products was the best protection against price racketeering, Mr. Meshel said.

ARAB AND DRUSE pupils at 33 schools in the Acre area are showing their work in an exhibition that opened at Shfaram on Friday. Purpose of the show is to illustrate the progress made in the pupils' 17 villages in recent years.

Baha'i convention opens today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The International Convention of the Baha'i religion will open this morning at the Bet Harofeh hall, in the presence of nearly 500 delegates from all over the world.

The main item on the agenda is the election of the nine member Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing body of Baha'i. The House is elected every five years, and this will be the third House of Justice.

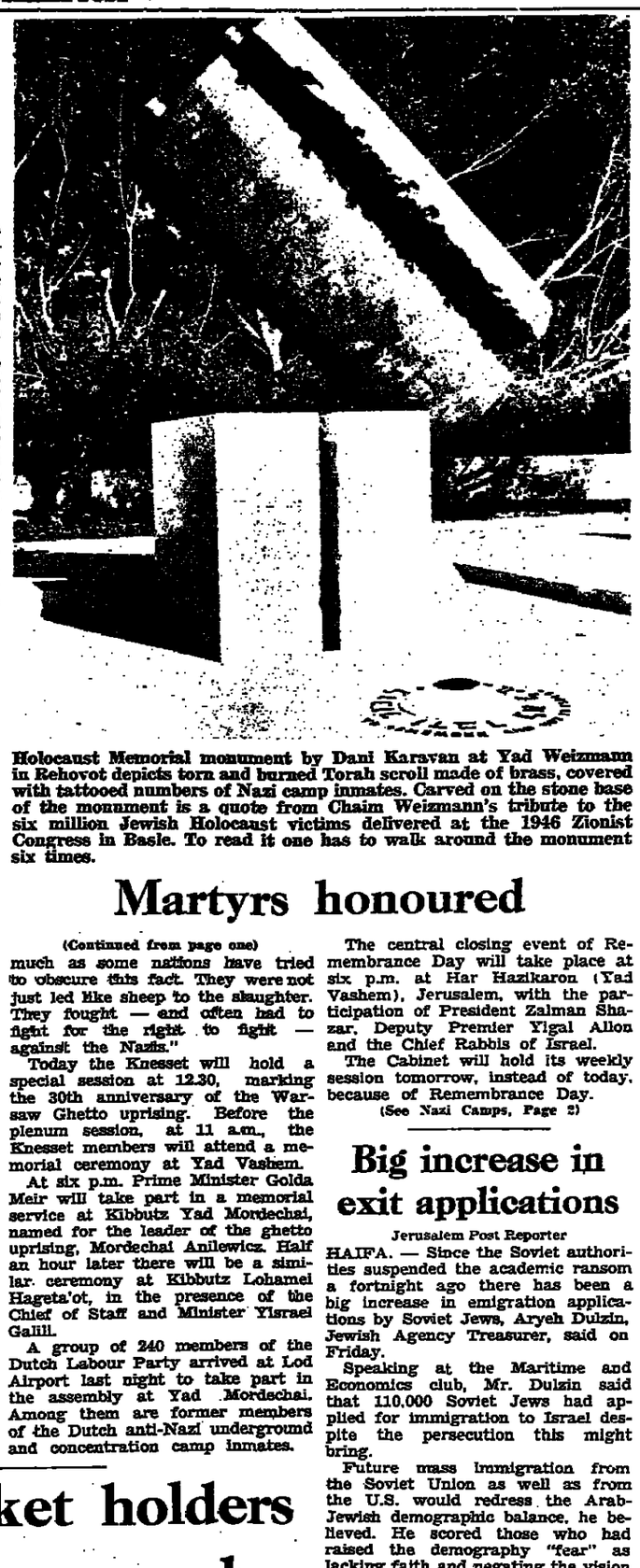
A total of 1,017 members of all national Spritual assemblies of the Baha'is throughout the world will vote, and those not attending the convention have sent their ballots by mail. Most of the delegates have already arrived and last week made pilgrimages to sites of Baha'i significance in Haifa and Acre, where the Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i religion, was a prisoner of the Turks from 1868 to 1892.

During the convention the delegates will participate in the celebration of the centenary of the revelation of Baha'u'llah's Most Holy Book, which contains the Baha'i laws. They will also visit the site on Mount Carmel, near the Shrine of the Bab, where the permanent seat of the House of Justice is to be constructed in the near future.

Fire extinguisher blast kills worker

BEERSHEBA. — An employee at the local Dead Sea Bromine Company was killed yesterday when a fire extinguisher exploded at the plant.

The man, Yosef Yitzhak, 26, had taken down the extinguisher to put out a small fire caused by a short circuit. The fire was quickly overcome without the extinguisher's aid. But when Yitzhak was replacing it on its hook it exploded suddenly, killing him on the spot.



Holocaust Memorial monument by Dani Karavan at Yad Weizmann in Rehovot depicts torn and burned Torah scroll made of brass, covered with tattooed numbers of Nazi camp inmates. Carved on the stone base of the monument is a quote from Chaim Weizmann's tribute to the six million Jewish Holocaust victims delivered at the 1946 Zionist Congress in Basle. To read it one has to walk around the monument six times.

Martyrs honoured

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much as some nations have tried to obscure this fact. They were not just led like sheep to the slaughter. They fought — and often had to fight for the right to fight — against the Nazis."

Today the Knesset will hold a special session at 12.30, marking the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Before the plenum session, at 11 a.m., the Knesset members will attend a memorial ceremony at Yad Vashem.

At six p.m. Prime Minister Golda Meir will take part in a memorial service at Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, named for the leader of the ghetto uprising, Mordechai Anilewicz. Half an hour later there will be a similar ceremony at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot, in the presence of the Chief of Staff and Minister Yisrael Galili.

A group of 240 members of the Dutch Labour Party arrived at Lod Airport last night to take part in the assembly at Yad Mordechai. Among them are former members of the Dutch anti-Nazi underground and concentration camp inmates.

The central closing event of Remembrance Day will take place at six p.m. at Har Hazikaron (Yad Vashem), Jerusalem, with the participation of President Zalman Shazar, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and the Chief Rabbis of Israel.

The Cabinet will hold its weekly session tomorrow, instead of today, because of Remembrance Day.

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Big increase in exit applications

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Since the Soviet authorities suspended the academic ransom a fortnight ago there has been a big increase in emigration applications by Soviet Jews, Aryeh Dulzin, Jewish Agency Treasurer, said on Friday.

Speaking at the Maritime and Economics club, Mr. Dulzin said that 110,000 Soviet Jews had applied for immigration to Israel despite the persecution this might bring.

Future mass immigration from the Soviet Union as well as from the U.S. would redress the Arab-Jewish demographic balance, he believed. He scored those who had raised the demography "fear" as lacking faith and negating the vision of Zionism. By merely raising the subject they were harming the chances of peace talks.

55,000 ticket holders for military parade

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There will be seating for 55,000 ticket holders in the grandstands along the route of Zahal's 25th Anniversary parade. The massive Jerusalem military march will commence at exactly 10 a.m., with the vanguard stepping off from a mustering point near Shuafat, on the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway.

Approximately 90 minutes later the first phalanxes will reach the railroad station. They will have paraded through Sheikh Jarrah, past the Damascus and New Gates of the Old City, up Jaffa Road and along King George and Keren Hayesod Avenues, to Remez Square (Railroad Station), where the parade route ends.

Meeting with reporters in Jerusalem on Friday, Yehuda Ilan, director of the Government Information Centre, gave details of the parade — and other Independence Day celebrations — scheduled for May 4 (Friday) through May 7 (Monday, Independence Day).

President Zalman Shazar and Chief of Staff David Elazar will review an honour guard at 10 a.m. on Friday, and half an hour later 100 "outstanding soldiers" will be guests of honour at a Presidential reception.

On Saturday night the President and the Chief of Staff will be at the Western Wall where, at 8.30, a bugle call and kindling of a candle will usher in the annual Memorial Day.

Memorial Day — Sunday, May 6 will be observed at 18 military cemeteries throughout the country and at memorial monuments in cities, towns and villages. Prime Minister Golda Meir will be at Har Herzl Military Cemetery; Defence Minister Moshe Dayan will be at the Mount of Olives; Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, at Kiryat Shaul; and other Ministers and Deputy Ministers will appear at other soldiers' burial grounds.

A siren blast at 7 p.m. will mark the end of Memorial Day and the beginning of Independence Day.

The first official Independence Day ceremony will be the traditional visit to the President by Cabinet Ministers, beginning at 8.30 a.m.

There will be no other official observances in Jerusalem from the time of the beginning of the parade until 3 p.m., when the annual Bible quiz for Jewish youth will open at the Jerusalem Theatre. The President's reception for the Diplomatic Corps will be held at 5 p.m., and at 6.30 the 17 winners of this year's Israel Prize will be honoured at ceremonies at the Jerusalem Theatre. The President, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education and Culture will be on hand. The day's final event will be the Zemer musical festival at Binyanei Ha'ooma, at 9 p.m.

Fireworks displays, including brilliant two-colour pyrotechnics of the official 25th anniversary emblem, will be held in all urban and most rural areas on Sunday night. A total of 1,648 artists and entertainers will appear at special programmes on that evening, and thousands of informal gatherings will be held as well.

Asked about the reported controversy surrounding the military parade, Information Centre director Ilan disclosed that a recent study by the Institute of Applied Social Research revealed that Israelis are about evenly divided on the question of a military theme for Independence Day observances.

Mr. Ilan also wished to "set the record straight" on Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's "returning of his invitation" to the parade as a protest against the waste of money and the emphasis on the militaristic aspects of the celebration. According to Mr. Ilan, neither Mr. Ben-Aharon nor anybody else had been sent tickets to the parade.

He said a form letter was sent out, and the recipients were asked to return a card requesting a ticket. It was this card that Mr. Ben Aharon had returned, with his rejection of the offer.

Rehearsals at night

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It will be possible to see this year's 25th anniversary military parade without having to bear the blazing sun, milling crowds or face the traffic problems. There will be two general rehearsals on May 1 and May 3 at 11 p.m., which will include all the equipment and personnel due to take part in the actual parade.

(This week there will also be a flypast of the aircraft due to take part on Independence Day.)

The night rehearsals will include 2,000 marching troops, and 430 tanks and other vehicles.

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Large group here from Russia

LOD AIRPORT. — A large group of Russian immigrants who arrived from Vienna by a special El Al flight on Friday included 12 families of professionals, who said they had not been required to pay any "diploma tax" in order to obtain their exit permits.

The 12 said the Russian immigration officials never brought up the subject in dealing with their permit requests. Among the professionals were engineers, physicians, accountants, a physicist and a chemist.

The group in which they arrived consisted of many Georgians, and former residents of Riga, Kiev, Leningrad, Odessa, Moscow and the Carpathian Mountains. *(Itim.)*

Returning Soviet — Page 5)

Stephen Hoffman

Stephen Hoffman, formerly residing in Budapest, Hungary, a nephew of Mrs. Julius Reich, Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A., is requested to contact I.L. Jacobson, Attorney, 805 Gem City Savings Building, Dayton, Ohio 45402, U.S.A., on a matter of great importance to himself.

Lewin-Epstein sold

TEL AVIV. — Lewin-Epstein Ltd., one of the country's oldest publishing firms and printing works, has been acquired by the Mapai publishing combine for IL400,000. This was announced on Friday by Furman Associates Ltd., which acted as adviser to the seller.

The transaction included the investment holding company controlled by Mrs. Lewin-Epstein, widow of the founder. Another 12.5 per cent of the company shares are held by the public.

The official title of the Mapai publishing house is the Amalgamated Printing and Publishing Company Ltd., which owns most of the country's foreign-language newspapers. Its legal status remains the same as before Mapai merged with Ahdut Ha'avoda and Rafi into the Labour Party in 1968.

Thousands jam book fair

By MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Literary Editor

More than 35,000 persons vi the Sixth Jerusalem Internati Book Fair at Binyenei Ha'ooma night, according to Roni Feins chairman of the Book Fair's manent committee and Dire General of the Jerusalem Mu pality.

Some 10,000 persons poured i first hour alone through the n entrance tent, which houses th rael exhibitors. The lines moved snail's pace. People could be l complaining they could not approach the book stalls, much place orders, because of the th

Asher Weill, general manag Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Jeru said: "This" — meaning the cr — "highlights the difference of nion between the organizers an exhibitors. The organizers think is great, but it is really co productive for both the exhi and the public." He felt that f fairs would have to run a full

Mr. Feinstein, on the other claimed it was "great" and sa hibitors did not want to stay longer. Some of them, he said to be persuaded not to pack u leave today, one day before th closes.

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Settlement still big task — Allo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Deputy Premi gal Allon said here on Friday that "settling the length and b of the country has remained amount task as in the days Yessoud Hama'ala, Rosh Pin Zikhron Ya'acov were founde years ago. As then, settling empty land today serves to then our security along the t and our political position."

He spoke at a festive re in his honour at the historic munity hall of Rosh Pina, "as one of its own grand c made him a freeman of the ment, in a celebration marki 90th anniversary of its fou and the 25th anniversary State.

Mr. Allon recalled that h grandfather had been among Pina's founders, that his and brothers were born and there. His personal ties were thened during the War of I dence, when his headquarte Palmach commander) were i Pina, which served as a brid for the liberation of Galilee

Druse boys hur playing with gren

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Two Druse Golan were injured on Frida a handgrenade with which th been playing exploded. A army car took them to the ment hospital in Safad, wh hand of Elwalid Moufid, 1 amputated. The other boy, Ali, 10, had only light inju

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far Etzion Museum ns Remembrance Day

ION. — A museum de- s history of the Etzion n of Bethlehem — from its earliest settlement re by the Arab Legion will be opened on Re- Day, May 6.

bers of Kfar Etzion taken prisoner in the stand, Dov Kanel and imovitz, told newsmen day that the exhibit three main themes: tlement on the land by inal four kibbutzim — , Masuot Yitzhak, Ein Revadim.

- The six-month siege of the bloc in 1947-48, with descriptions of the evacuation of the women and children, the convoys that fought their way through the Arab roadblocks to bring food and arms, and the final battle.
- A memorial section devoted to the 240 men and women who fell in the battle.

The museum, housed in converted Jordanian army barracks, will be part of a memorial park planned for the original Kfar Etzion site. Sons of the original settlers re-established the kibbutz near the site after the Six Day War. *(Itim)*

NIXON PONDERS WATERGATE

(Continued from page one)

telling Mr. Gray to destroy the documents. Mr. Dean has made no public comment.

Mr. Gray had been nominated to become the FBI's permanent director, but the Senate Judiciary Committee had refused to recommend his confirmation, on the grounds that he failed to conduct a professional investigation of the bugging and was too tainted with Republican politics to lead the agency impartially.

His resignation came shortly after it was disclosed that a former aide of President Nixon, Jeb Stuart Magruder, had resigned his $36,000 a year job at the Commerce Department. Mr. Magruder was deputy director of Mr. Nixon's re-election committee — the source of funds which financed the Watergate bugging and other espionage.

Mr. Magruder quit without giving a reason; his resignation was not announced by the Commerce Department but by the lawyer who has represented him during the past months when reports of the involvement of White House aides in the Watergate scandal were surfacing.

He was reported to have told government prosecutors that both John Mitchell, the former Attorney-General, and Mr. Dean approved the scheme to bug the Democrat offices last June 17. He reportedly also said that the two had approved the payment of from $1,000 to $3,000 a month from Republican funds to the seven men convicted in the Watergate case to keep them from making public what they knew of the bugging and other acts of political espionage.

Mr. Mitchell said he was involved in three discussions on the bugging, but had never approved it.

The FBI chief's exit came as the Watergate scandal took a bizarre twist in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Judge Matthew Byrne revealed on Friday that two of the Watergate conspirators — Hunt and Gordon Liddy — had broken into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist and stolen the file on Ellsberg, who made public the secret Pentagon history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. The judge, who said his source was a Justice Department memorandum, ordered it to be made available to the defence.

LONG DISCUSSION

Concerning Gray's resignation, Presidential Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Mr. Nixon had held "a long discussion" with Attorney-General Richard G. Kleindienst Thursday night, and that Mr. Kleindienst in turn had talked to Mr. Gray.

Later, Mr. Ziegler said, "it was Gray's decision. He concluded it on his own."

In announcing his decision to step down from the FBI directorship he has held since the death of J. Edgar Hoover last May, Mr. Gray linked it directly to published reports that he had burned — allegedly at the urging of the two White House aides — files found in Hunt's White House safe after the break-in at the Democratic Party offices last June 17.

"Serious allegations concerning certain acts of my own during the ongoing Watergate investigation are now a matter of public record," Mr. Gray said in a statement. "As a consequence, I have today tendered my resignation... effective immediately. This action is required to preserve in both image and fact the reputation, the integrity and the effectiveness of the FBI."

Without confirming the stories, which were attributed to his friends, Mr. Gray said the FBI had been "in no way involved in any of those personal acts or judgments that may now be called into question."

The documents Mr. Gray allegedly destroyed came from Hunt's office in the White House. They were reportedly documents fabricated by Hunt — one falsely linking top officials in the John F. Kennedy administration to the assassination of South Vietnam President Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963, the other dealing with Senator Edward M. Kennedy and the Chappaquiddick tragedy.



JEB STUART MAGRUDER
Tainted by Watergate



WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS
New FBI chief

Hunt, a CIA agent for 21 years, was given an office in the White House when he was hired as a $100 a day consultant to work on the leak of the Pentagon Papers and other assignments.

Mr. Gray's friends said he told them he had ripped up the material without examining it, and dropped it into an FBI "burn bag" to be destroyed, after receiving it at a June 28 meeting with White House counsel John Dean in Mr. Ehrlichman's office.

He allegedly destroyed the documents July 3, 16 days after the Watergate break-in.

Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (Republican, Connecticut), one of Mr. Gray's closest friends and a member of the special Senate Watergate investigating committee, labelled as "essentially correct" published accounts that Mr. Gray recalled that Mr. Dean had told him *the documents "should never see the light of day."*

Other weekend developments in the affair included:

- A "Washington Star" news report about Washington lawyer John Wilson, first said to have been hired to represent their interests



PATRICK GRAY
Resigns under fire

by Mr. Ehrlichman and another senior White House aide, H.R. Haldeman, who has also been implicated in the affair. The newspaper said Mr. Wilson had apparently been given a broader role by Mr. Nixon: to determine Mr. Ehrlichman's and Mr. Haldeman's involvement — if any — in the scandal for him.

- It was reported that Mr. Nixon had received advice to conduct a complete purge of his White House staff, before a grand jury handed down indictments, which could force wholesale firings.
- Mr. Ehrlichman denied he had promised to help international financier Robert Vesco in overseas ventures after the financier contributed $200,000 to President Nixon's re-election campaign fund. The allegation that help was promised was said to have been made before a New York grand jury investigating Mr. Vesco's campaign contributions. *(Reuter, UPI, AP)*

) librarians l meeting

alem Post Reporter

1,000 Israeli librarians the Binyenei Ha'ooma n on Thursday for an nar sponsored by the ians' Association in the of the Sixth Jerusalem Book Fair.

ening morning session, ayor Teddy Kollek wel- articipants and describ- ital's library services. were then given by Mr. Deputy Chairman of the and Mordechai Bern- nan of the Israel Pub- ciation.

rians then toured the eral hours, after which remained for the after- . Sir George Weidenfeld roblems of International the 'Seventies"; Julian Unesco Headquarters in arized the events of the tional Book Year and s for follow-up events; ron Megged spoke on Book in Contemporary rature"; and Mr. Avra- ltz, of the University of discussed "Libraries in r Age."

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Gifted pupils to attend special classes

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some gifted children will be able to attend special elementary school classes and advance at their own learning speed without being tied to their regular grade level.

Education Minister Yigal Allon recently announced an experimental programme to be implemented in several cities next year. Under the scheme the one and a half to two per cent of gifted youngsters with IQs between 135-140 will be concentrated in special classes in their schools. Here teachers will help them cover the curricula corresponding to their age level at a pace several times quicker than the normal.

The youngsters will also be allowed and encouraged to investigate subjects beyond the regular curriculum. The scheme is to include children gifted both in science and arts subjects.

The planners have taken special pains not to separate the gifted youngsters more than can be avoided from their age group. For this purpose they will share sports and social activities with children in regular classes.

Gaza sardines banned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Defence and Agriculture ministries have granted a request from the Fishermen's Union to limit the sale of Gaza Strip sardines in Israel, Union secretary Dov Schmiede said yesterday. Gaza sardines will be permitted for sale only against special licences.

The union demanded to keep out the Gaza sardines, which cost only half the price charged by local fishermen, in view of the canning industry's refusal to sign the contract with the union assuring the purchase of local catches.

The Government has also promised to limit the import of fish for processing by the canneries.

EAST-WEST TROOP-CUT DEADLOCK SAID BROKEN

BRUSSELS. — East-West talks on preparing a full-scale troop-cut conference can begin "within a couple of weeks," Western diplomats said here yesterday.

The sources declined to reveal details on the emerging agreement, but said they were optimistic that the talks — deadlocked in Vienna for nearly three months — are finally making progress.

It was understood that months of behind-the-scenes haggling had produced an agreement on the Soviet demand that Hungary — and presumably the Soviet-bloc troops based there — be eliminated from the conference agenda.

The agreement was expected to allow Hungary to bow out of the talks, at least for the moment. But it was likely that the West would state at the same time that it had not abandoned intentions to include Soviet and Hungarian troops in Hungary in any future MBFR treaty.

Even after the three-month delay, these negotiations are still expected to open in September, the date originally set by Nato and the Russians.

Monzon, Griffith title fight June 2

MONTE CARLO, MONACO (UPI). — Mayor Jean Louis Medecin had given organizers the go-ahead for a world championship boxing fight between middleweight title-holder Carlos Monzon of Argentina and Emile Griffith of New York City. The 15-round fight will be held June 2, the mayor's office said.

75th birthday wishes

Meir: U.S. won't abandon Israel for oil

Prime Minister Golda Meir said on the army radio station yesterday she did not believe the current energy crisis in the U.S. would harm U.S.-Israel relations.

In part, she said, this was because of President Nixon's commitment not to surrender to the demands of Arab terrorists. "I will not deny that this (the energy crisis) is a problem," the Prime Minister said. "Nor am I prepared to guarantee that we shall never find ourselves in any difficulty where the U.S. is concerned. But I do not anticipate such a situation.

"If it does occur, it will have to be faced. Only three days ago President Nixon repeated his firm resolve not to give in to Arab threats."

Mrs. Meir said that, during the incident in Khartoum in March, before Arab terrorists killed three diplomats — two Americans and a Belgian — Mr. Nixon had told her during dinner that he would not surrender to the terrorists' demands.

"Blackmail will not work with me," she quoted Mr. Nixon as telling her. "I shall not give in to extortion.

"He also said, 'I know that by my attitude I am perhaps jeopardizing the lives of these two men, but I also know that if I give in to blackmail I shall be endangering the lives of a far greater number of people.' And he meant Americans, not Israelis."

Mrs. Meir added: "America has her sources of energy. The U.S. has not given Arab oil-producing countries *carte blanche* or agreed to all their requests, sight unseen.

"I still don't know whether the Arab states that possess oil have decided to drink the stuff, instead of selling it to the Americans."

Replying to another question the Prime Minister said Israel was aware that President Nixon was actively involved in the problem of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. But as far as "the technical side of arrangements between the U.S. Congress and the President... on behalf of Soviet Jewry, as a government, as a state, we must not interfere."

To another question she said Israel had received "no hint" of any Italian plan to build a new Suez Canal. "It's a nice story," she said.

Turning to the question of Government activity in the administered areas, the Premier agreed that more could be done. "But if it hasn't been done, it's not because of any philosophy or political viewpoint. There are objective limitations." She added that no proposal about the establishment of any settlement in the areas has ever been brought to the Cabinet and rejected.

Mrs. Meir reiterated her objection to a Palestinian state on the West Bank.

"If there are people who consider themselves Palestinians, that is their affair. If they wish to unite and declare themselves a 'Palestinian entity', that too is their affair.

"What is their solution as far as we are concerned? That is the problem. Those who claim that a people without solution or homeland is scattered throughout the world don't know what they are talking about. There is a solution for the Palestinians, on Arab territory. Or, more precisely, in Jordan."

Question: Jordan as it was before the war?

Answer: Jordan as it will be after there is peace with us.

Asked about the memoirs she has said she will write, Mrs. Meir said she hasn't had "an hour to think about the book." But she said she would write it herself — "there will be no ghost writing."

German calls Atlantic plan 'a monster'

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's confidant, Herbert Wehner, has said he considers U.S. presidential advisor Henry Kissinger's new Atlantic charter "an outline for a monster."

Wehner, in Stockholm as the guest of Premier Olof Palme's Social Democrats, was quoted by parliamentary newsmen as saying he did not consider Kissinger's plan realistic.

"It is an outline for a monster and I do not think Kissinger knows himself what he is trying to achieve," Wehner told members of the Parliamentary Correspondents Association.

Wehner said the commission for the United States of Europe soon will meet to outline its own proposal for a new Atlantic cooperation.

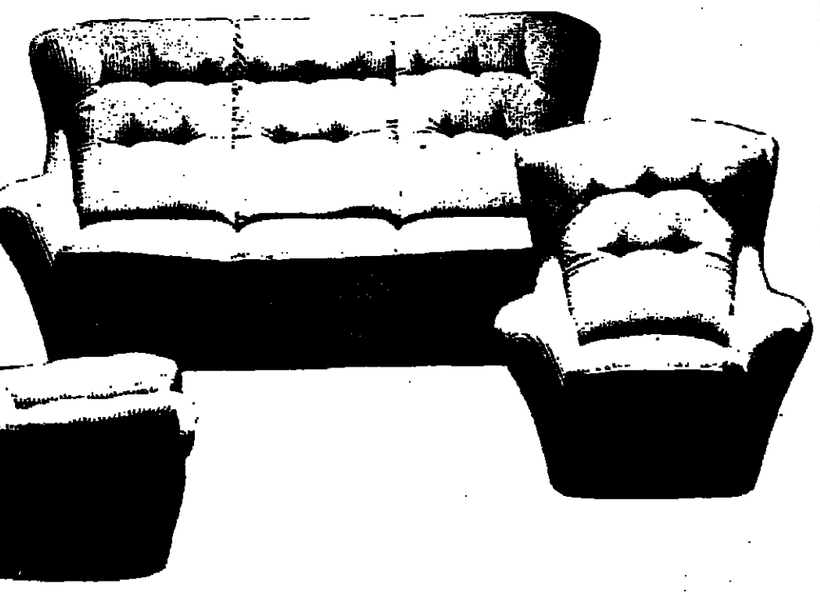
"I think Wehner's statement clearly reflects the views held by the Bonn government," a Swedish diplomatic source said. "It could not be acceptable to West Germany."

Wehner is the Social Democratic government's group leader in the federal assembly in Bonn and is considered as the chief ideologist of the party.

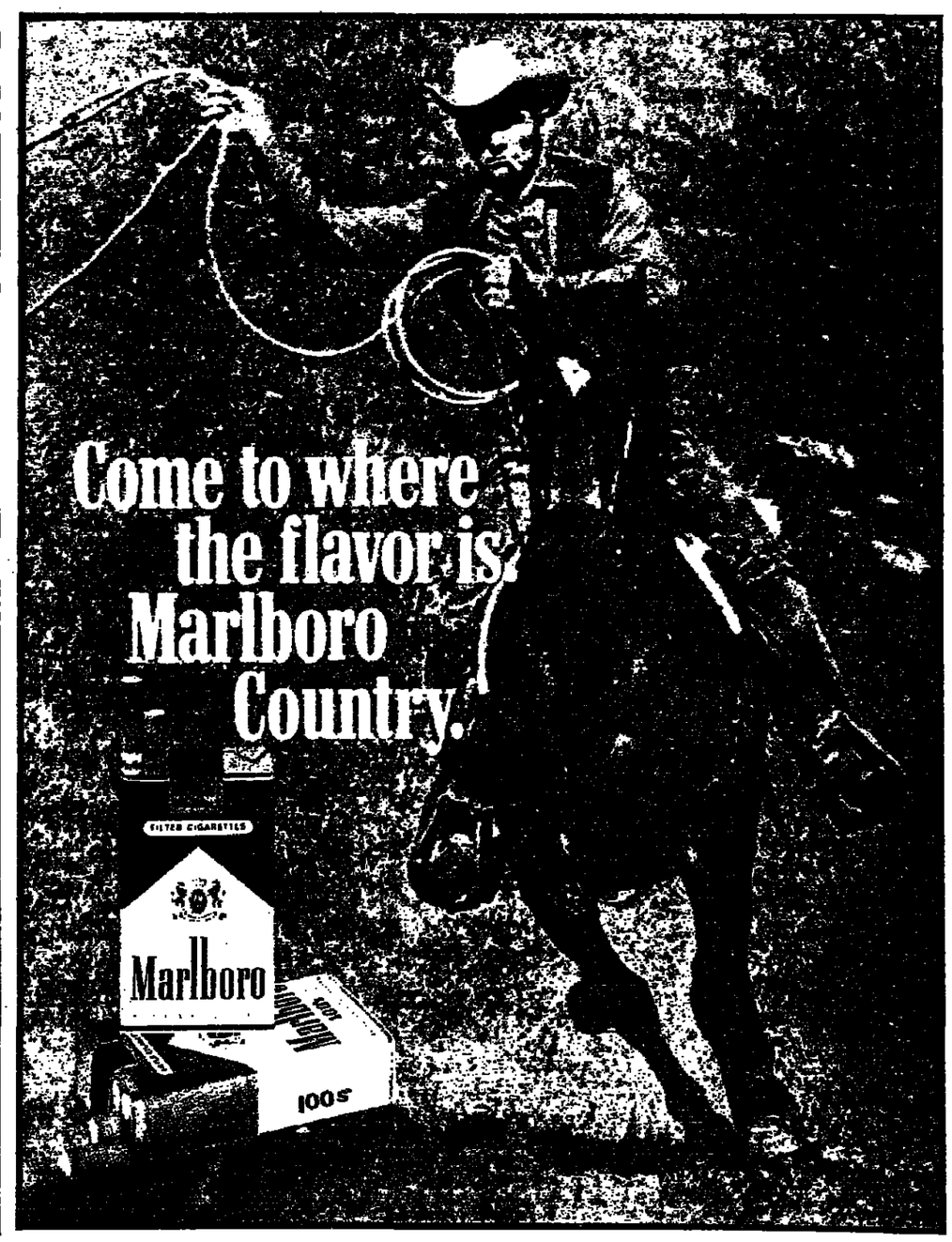
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Immigrant rights cutback postponed until January
Jerusalem Post Reporter
New regulations tightening the customs rules for new immigrants will be postponed for six months and will come into effect January 1974 (instead of July 1973). A recommendation to this effect was made yesterday by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to the Knesset Finance Committee.
The chief alteration to be postponed is that newcomers will be confined for their tax free privileges to purchases made in their country of origin or in Israel. Now they have nine months instead of three to meet condition.
Other changes postponed until next January are the following:
- parcels sent to the immigrant after he left for Israel will no longer be duty free.
- the tariff on cars of over 2000 cc. will be raised from 25 to 50 per cent with a minimum of IL2 per kilo instead of IL1.
- the period for receiving a car with reduced taxes is extended from two years to three, but in the third year the tax exemption will be reduced by one twelfth for each month of delay, until by the end of the year, the full tax is payable.
The reason for postponing the application of the new rule is to give olim time to adapt, a treasury spokesman said.



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Shimshon Marmorek to be relegated; promotion to National League undecided

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shimshon, the Tel Aviv Yemenite quarter team, will be relegated from the National League together with Marmorek Hapoel of Rehovot.

Shimshon's fate was sealed yesterday in a hectic struggle by the bottom clubs in which the last six clubs in the league all collected points. While Shimshon forced a 1:1 draw in Netanya, Jerusalem Betar scored a late 1:0 home victory over Kfar Saba Hapoel to assure itself National League football next season.

Petah Tikva Hapoel scored a shock 2:0 win over Tel Aviv Maccabi at the Bloomfield Stadium, and Marmorek Hapoel put on its best performance of the season to beat Jaffa Maccabi 3:1 in Rehovot.

Two late goals by Yehuda Sharabani gave league champions Ramat Gan Hakoah-Maccabi a 2:0 win over Tel Aviv Hapoel at Bloomfield. Jerusalem Hapoel returned to form to score a useful 2:1 away win over Petah Tikva Maccabi and return to third place in the league. Jerusalem Hapoel is now only one point behind Tel Aviv Hapoel and with the final game of the league season next week, stands a clear chance of capturing second place. Tel Aviv Hapoel next Saturday plays away against Jerusalem Betar, with Jerusalem Hapoel away to Tel Aviv Betar.

Beersheba Hapoel yesterday beat Haifa Maccabi 4:2 in its best game of the season and moved up the table from 10th to 5th place.

Shimshon's place in the National League will be taken by another Tel Aviv suburb team, Bnei Yehuda of the Hatikva Quarter. There was talk in Tel Aviv soccer circles last night of a possible merger between Shimshon and Bnei Yehuda.

The fight for promotion from League "A" North remains open until next week, as Acre Hapoel yesterday narrowed Hadera Hapoel's lead to one point. Hadera Hapoel drew 0:0 in Herzliya while Acre Hapoel was beating Kiryat Shmona 1:0.

REVIVED HOPES

Shimshon took the lead and revived its survival hopes in the 56th minute when Netanya Maccabi stopper Shraga Topolansky put through his own goal. (At that point Jerusalem Betar was still on the 0:0 mark against Kfar Saba Hapoel). But in the 71st minute Israel Hajjaj equalized for Netanya Maccabi with a shot from ten metres. All Shimshon's pressure for a winning goal was held by the Netanya defence.

In Jerusalem meanwhile, all Betar's attacks were held thanks mainly to goalkeeper Yoel Shoham — until the 80th minute. In that minute David Ishay lifted a ball to veteran 32-year-old Yossi Aminoff who made no mistake from eight metres out. Five thousand fans saw the game at the Y.M.C.A. Stadium.

Russian immigrant Boris Norman scored again for Petah Tikva Hapoel, and it was more this player than anyone in recent weeks who saved Petah Tikva Hapoel from relegation. He gave his team the lead in the 35th minute goal with a cross shot. Ya'acov Blumenthal headed in Petah Tikva's second goal in the 75th.

Tel Aviv Maccabi in fact did most of the attacking but was kept out by goalkeeper Yitzhak Visoker and defenders Yehiel Salem and Blumenthal.

The goals scored in these three games were not given by Israel Radio in its regular Saturday afternoon programme "Songs and Goals." This was because the football asscciation made a special request to the Broadcasting Authority to refrain from covering these crucial matches, "in order not to influence the games by results at the other grounds," Y. Erel, the F.A. spokesman, said last night. It meant that listeners not at the grounds could not follow developments in these games, and were only given the final results.

Twelve thousand at the Bloomfield Stadium saw Tel Aviv Hapoel pile on most of the pressure against Hakoah, but the Hakoah's defence stood firm with Shaul Cohen, Ronnie Shuruk and goalkeeper Danny Mano outstanding. In the 80th minute, Asher Messing fed Sharabani an accurate pass for the latter to crack in a shot from 10 metres. A minute from the end, Sharabani produced a fine solo dribble past three defenders and Hapoel goalkeeper Arie Bejerano to place in Hakoah's second goal.

BEFORE THE END

Petah Tikva Maccabi took the lead against Jerusalem Hapoel in the 19th minute through Yitzhak Mizrahi. Twenty minutes later Shlomo Mahtabi put Jerusalem Hapoel level and two minutes before the end Jerusalem Hapoel collected both points thanks to a goal by Arie Barashi.

In Beersheba, Avraham Numa scored a hattrick against Haifa Maccabi. The Haifa visitors took the lead in the 32nd minute through Moshe Agami, but in the last minute of the first half Efraim Zvi equalized for the home side. In the 48th, 61st and 70th minutes Numa scored his goals and in the 71st minute Yoav Levy pulled one back for Haifa Maccabi.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Jerusalem Betar 1, Kfar Saba Hapoel 0; Netanya Maccabi 1, Shimshon 1; Tel Aviv Maccabi 0, Petah Tikva Hapoel 2; Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Hakoah 2; Petah Tikva Maccabi 1, Jerusalem Hapoel 2; Marmorek Hapoel 3, Jaffa Maccabi 1; Haifa Hapoel 0, Tel Aviv Betar 0; Beersheba Hapoel 4, Haifa Maccabi 2.

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

Kiryat Shmona Hapoel 0, Acre Hapoel 1; Herzliya Hapoel 0, Hadera Hapoel 0; Tiberias Hapoel 1, Nazareth Hapoel 0; Nahariya Hapoel 1, Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 0; Nahliel Hapoel 2, Herzliya Maccabi 0; Migdal Haemek Hapoel 0, Ramat Gan Hapoel 6; Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel 3, Givat Haim Hapoel 1; Safad Hapoel 4, Netanya Betar 1.

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

Ramle Betar 0, Lod Hapoel 1; Ramat Amidar Maccabi 4, Eilat Hapoel 2; Ashdod Hapoel 2, Beit Shemesh Hapoel 0; Bnei Yehuda 1, Rishon Lezion Hapoel 0; Bat Yam Hapoel 4, Ramle Hapoel 0; Yahud Hapoel 5, Holon Hapoel 2; Dimona Hapoel 0, Kiryat Ono Hapoel 2; Shaarayim Maccabi 2, Beer Yaacov Hapoel 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS (AFTER 29 GAMES:)

		Goals	Points
1.	Hakoah	40:17	42
2.	Tel Aviv Hapoel	43:33	35
3.	Jerusalem Hapoel	28:18	34
4.	Tel Aviv Maccabi	31:28	32
5.	Beersheba Hapoel	38:34	30
6.	Kfar Saba Hapoel	31:27	30
7.	Tel Aviv Betar	24:23	30
8.	Jaffa Maccabi	31:28	29
9.	Petah Tikva Maccabi	38:40	29
10.	Haifa Maccabi	28:33	29
11.	Haifa Hapoel	29:23	28
12.	Petah Tikva Hapoel	23:26	26
13.	Netanya Maccabi	28:37	26
14.	Jerusalem Betar	20:32	25
15.	Shimshon	30:43	22
16.	Marmorek Hapoel	24:46	17

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

1.	Hadera Hapoel	56:17	44
2.	Acre Hapoel	41:23	43
3.	Ramat Gan Hapoel	47:33	34
4.	Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel	42:31	34
5.	Herzliya Maccabi	35:27	32
6.	Tiberias Hapoel	36:27	32
7.	Herzliya Hapoel	33:33	28
8.	Nahliel Hapoel	29:31	27
9.	Kiryat Shmona Hapoel	30:42	27
10.	Safad Hapoel	38:54	26
11.	Netanya Betar	34:31	25
12.	Nahariya Hapoel	28:30	25
13.	Migdal Haemek Hapoel	32:49	25
14.	Nazareth Hapoel	29:42	23
15.	Mahane Yehuda Hapoel	20:39	22
16.	Givat Haim Hapoel	23:49	19

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

1.	Bnei Yehuda	56:23	47
2.	Holon Hapoel	42:27	37
3.	Shaarayim Maccabi	44:33	34
4.	Yahud Hapoel	43:33	33
5.	Dimona Hapoel	41:35	31
6.	Ramle Betar	35:35	30
7.	Ashdod Hapoel	38:37	29
8.	Rishon Lezion Hapoel	48:49	29
9.	Ramle Hapoel	30:37	28
10.	Ramat Amidar Maccabi	46:46	27
11.	Beer Yaacov Hapoel	41:43	27
12.	Bat Yam Hapoel	37:41	26
13.	Lod Hapoel	39:45	25
14.	Beit Shemesh Hapoel	34:42	24
15.	Eilat Hapoel	30:44	20
16.	Kiryat Ono Hapoel	33:49	15



Israel's "Queen of the Track," Esther Roth (Shachmoroff) wins the 100-metre sprint yesterd the Maccabia Stadium in Tel Aviv, in her best performance since last year's Olympic G Timing 11.3 seconds, she beat Inge Herten (left) and Helfgard Shittenholm (right) — both of many. The sprint was part of an athletics meet organized by Hapoel in memory of Amitzur pira, the Israel athletics coach killed in the Munich massacre. (Alexander Sues

LIVERPOOL TAKES ITS EIGHTH CHAMPIONSHIP

LONDON (Reuter). — Liverpool, leader for most of the season, won the English Football League championship for the eighth time when a goalless draw yesterday against Leicester City gave it an unbeatable points total of 60 from 42 matches.

Second-placed Arsenal kept up the case to the end by beating West Ham United 2-1, but they are three points behind with one game remaining.

Arsenal was assured of being runners-up, however, after third-placed Leeds United lost 3-1 away to Southampton. Leeds, which meet Second Division Sunderland in the English Football Association cup final next Saturday, were without six regular players because of injuries.

Celtic, 3-0 winners over Hibernian, won the Scottish League for the eighth successive season, finishing one point ahead of its rival Glasgow Rangers, which beat East Fife 2-0. Celtic and Rangers meet next Saturday in the Scottish Football Association cup final.

The last full Saturday of the British soccer season also marked the end for Bobby Charlton, Manchester United's star forward who played 106 times for England. Charlton, now a balding 35-year-old, received a silver cigarette box in a presentation before the match with Chelsea, but he was unable to end his career on a winning note as Chelsea won 1-0 with a second half goal by Peter Osgood.

Charlton's older brother Jack played his last game for Leeds at Southampton and the 38-year-old former England centre-half made a painful exit from the game after pulling a hamstring muscle.

Crystal Palace, doomed to relegation, enjoyed a final First Division flourish by beating Manchester City 3-2. The win was particularly satisfying for Palace manager Malcolm Allison as he was City's boss until last month when he moved to London in an effort to save the struggling Palace.

Wolverhampton Wanderers' striker John Richards, the top scorer in the First Division, boosted his goals total to 32 as Wolves hammered Coventry 3-0 to move into fifth place in the table behind Ipswich Town, held to a 1-1 draw by Sheffield United.

England players Martin Chivers (2) and Martin Peters led a second half recovery by Tottenham Hotspur, who rallied from be down at the interval to bea castle United 3-2.

Derby County, last year's pion which was ousted fr European Cup by Italy's J last Wednesday, whipped 3-1 and defender David Nish his first goal for Derby sinc signed for £225,000 last ye

West Bromwich Albion, r along with Crystal Palace its First Division member losing 3-2 to Midland nei Birmingham City, while clinched the Second Divisio pionship by drawing 1-1 wit ton. Bolton Wanderers w Third Division honours with County going down to the Division, where the cham Southport.

English division one

Birmingham City 3, West I Albion 2;
Chelsea 1, Manchester United
Derby County 3, Everton 1;
Liverpool 0, Leicester City 0;
Manchester City 2, Crystal P
Southampton 3, Leeds United
Stoke City 2, Norwich City 0;
Tottenham Hotspur 3, Newcast 2;
Wolverhampton Wanderers 33, City 0;
West Ham United 1, Arsenal

Israeli boxers to Bangkok fights

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three boxers leave today to represent Israel at the Asian Championships at Bangkok. They are Avraham Zur, flyweight, Yonathan Cohen, featherweight, and Alexander Falkovich, middleweight. Arie Weintraub will be accompanying coach.

Leaving tomorrow will be the National Basketball Team for Rumania, where they will be in a closed training camp prior to participating in a preliminary tournament in Vienna for places in the European Championships. The players chosen for the squad are Tal Brodie, Barry Leibowitz, Jack Eisner, Mark Torenstein, Gaby Najmark, Itamar Marzel, Yosef Leja, Boaz Yanai, Michael Berkowitch, Hanan Keren, Zvi Inbar and Shlomo Bloom. Albert Hamu is coach.

U.S. BASEBALL

Cubs beat Padres 10-2

CHICAGO (AP). — Jose Cardenal drove in four runs with a double and a single as the Chicago Cubs snapped out of a slump with a 10-2 victory over the San Diego Padres in National League baseball Friday. (Because of the time difference, yesterday's results were unavailable by press time last night.)

In other National League games, the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Cincinnati Reds 3-1 in Steve Carlton's fourth victory of the season at Cincinnati; the St. Louis Cardinals lost a home game 0-5 to the San Francisco Giants, getting only two hits off pitcher Jim Barr; the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 2-0, as Hank Aaron and Darrell Evans smashed home runs on consecutive pitches and Pat Dobson outdueled Tom Seaver at Atlanta; and the Houston Astros defeated the Montreal Expos 6-5 in 10 innings (Jimmy Stewart singled in the winning run). The game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Pittsburgh Pirates (in Pittsburgh) was postponed because of rain. It will be made up today as part of a double header.

In the American League the Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-2 at Arlington; Angel Mangual scored a homer in the 12th inning to power the Oakland A's to a 4-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in California; Milt Wilcox of the Cleveland Indians p three-hitter in Anaheim fo victory over the California and the Kansas City Royal a no-hitter against the De gers for a 3-0 win. Tw were rained out: Minnesota York and Chicago at Bost

The standings after Friday

NATIONAL LEAGU

EAST	W	L	P
Pittsburgh	8	3	.7
New York	10	8	.5
Chicago	9	5	.5
Philadelphia	8	8	.5
Montreal	7	9	.4
St. Louis	2	14	.1
WEST			
San Francisco	17	5	.7
Cincinnati	12	7	.6
Houston	13	10	.5
Los Angeles	8	11	.4
Atlanta	7	11	.3
San Diego	7	13	.3

AMERICAN LEAGU

EAST			
Baltimore	9	8	.5
Detroit	9	9	.5
Milwaukee	8	8	.5
Boston	7	8	.4
Cleveland	8	11	.4
New York	6	10	.3
WEST			
Minnesota	9	5	.6
Kansas City	12	7	.6
Chicago	8	5	.6
California	8	7	.5
Oakland	8	10	.4
Texas	5	9	.3

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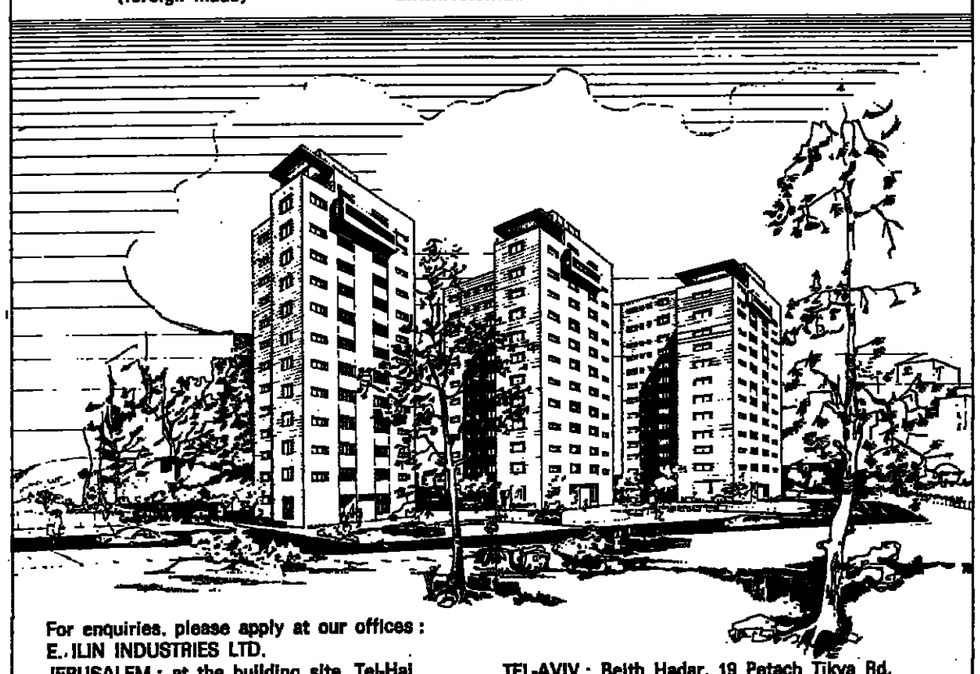
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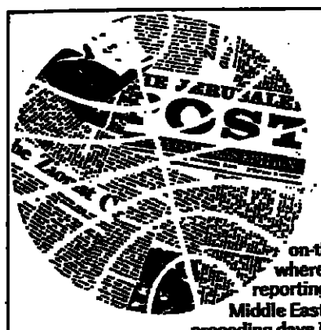
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munist units dig in nd Phnom Penh

JH. — Two small units of Communist ists were last night n firing distance of military sources re-

s dug in on the east tong River, some dis- e banks which were Communist infantry o. The other, to the the city, already estern suburb of Po- ng 24 civilians and her 55 in a barrage

said a heavy move- tions had been re- western unit, but the he east bank of the still be lacking sup-

pecialist units were of 27 battalions who to the city despite n bombing over the ut a dozen more bat- sed just outside the adius of the capital. deposed Cambodian rince Norodom Siha- nouk said yesterday that his forces were positioned all round Phnom Penh, but had no intention of assaulting and capturing the city. The prince told reporters in Peking, where he has been living in exile for nearly three years, that the plan was to isolate Phnom Penh and let it fall "like a ripe fruit."

In Vietnam, the South Vietnamese Government and the Vietcong began releasing each other's civilian prisoners yesterday, the Saigon command said. It was the final day of the 90-day period for release of civilian prisoners as provided in the January 27 cease-fire agreement.

North Vietnam, in a statement coinciding with the end of the three-month period, has accused the U.S. of "serious, systematic and flagrant" violations of the peace agreement. In a 2,000-word statement issued by the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry in Hanoi Friday, the U.S. was accused of sending reconnaissance planes over North Vietnam, suspending the de-mining of the country's harbours and rivers, and cutting off negotiations over U.S. reconstruction aid to the north. *(Reuter, AP)*

-day-old Siamese ns die in Argentina

AIRES. — Siamese who shared the same had separate heads, spinal columns, died r four days of life Aires hospital, doc-

the boys, christened rto and Arturo, died heart malfunction. s were born Tuesday ean section in the ty of Tucuman and two days later be- medical facilities were hey weighed over 4

f the parents accom- infants to Buenos

Schwam, who deliver- nts, said the mother g housewife and the a part-time soccer works at a Tucuman are parents of a nor- old daughter, the doc- and they asked not ified.

to doctors at the al Clinic in Buenos spinal columns that at the base of the rted the two nearly ads side by side. A l protrusion of flesh he heads, and both endently.

had two well-developed arms and legs, one heart and two lungs, one of which did not function, they said. When one leg was pinched, the doctors added, the head on that side of the body would cry but the other would not. They said this meant each head reacted only to its side of the body.

Several doctors assisted Schwam in the delivery, and he said that, when the infants were delivered, there was a discussion whether the single umbilical cord should be tied to stop the bleeding and preserve life.

"I tied the cord and consulted with the father, and he asked that we talk to a priest," Schwam said. The priest called the Archbishop, who advised them that such children belong to science and the infants' life should be conserved with the babies sent to a scientific centre for examination.

The doctor said that, at birth, both heads cried spontaneously and the infants appeared to be in good health with their digestive systems functioning well. Both mouths could accept food, he said.

Dr. Schwam said the malformation apparently was caused by genetics. There is a record of twins in the mother's family, the doctor added, but they were normal. *(UPI, AP)*

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I). — The Russian t of the home-bound outed to newsmen, report that we have t the Israeli people, their government."

40-year-old bus dri- novic in Russia, was ssian Jews who re- yesterday after fail- o life in Israel.

n waiting one year nths for that day ," Krais said. "Fin- ur Soviet visas. But f our comrades are ere."

ources said the visas to this group as a ure" for May Day. red to Israel by false Krais said. "It was work. But we have t the Israeli people, nment."

rnees are part of 96 citizens waiting for n a rotten Vienna e for up to three ad all emigrated to nd life there too de- wanted to return.

The returnees were seen off at Vienna's main railroad station by some 50 of their countrymates, all waiting to return home.

Boris Bravstein, a 35-year-old building site engineer from Kiev, said "the main problem in Israel was the difficulty to assimilate. It's another culture, another world. The main problem was a psychological one."

Assembly president: 'Israel only obstacle to political solution'

CAIRO (UPI).—Stanislav Trepczynski, president of the U.N. General Assembly, said there is a general feeling at the world organization "that Israel is the only obstacle to a political solution in the Middle East."

Trepczynski, who is Poland's deputy foreign minister, spoke at a news conference winding up a four-day visit to Cairo. He said he found "complete readiness on Egypt's part to solve the problem politically."

Soviet skylab ends mission 'in failure'

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union's orbiting sky laboratory Salyut 2 ended its mission yesterday after 26 days in space, apparently crippled and unable to take on a crew of cosmonauts.

The official Tass announcement said only that Salyut 2, launched April 3, had concluded its programme and gave no official hint of any failure.

But informed U.S. observers believed a manned Soyuz mission had been planned to link up with the laboratory until the Salyut partly broke up in space.

The failure of Salyut 2 seemed to plunge the Soviet manned space programme into trouble and cast doubt on the Apollo-Soyuz test flight scheduled for 1975.

When Salyut 2 was launched there had been speculation and unofficial reports that a Soyuz spacecraft would follow. But no Soyuz launch was made.

Tass said, in yesterday's three-paragraph report, Salyut "was launched for the purpose of checking the improved design of onboard systems and equipment of the station and for conducting scientific and technical experiments in space.

"The important data obtained in experiments confirm the correctness of design and structural decisions and the properties chosen of the main systems and onboard equipment of the station," the report continued. "These data will be used in building new spacecraft," the Tass report said.

The agency made no mention of the fate of the ship.

Western specialists and monitors had reported earlier this week that the large station was crippled and tumbling through space in an irregular orbit accompanied by as many as 25 pieces of debris.

Letter bomb sent to Israel envoy in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI). — Explosives experts dismantled on Friday a letter bomb to the Israeli ambassador mailed from Holland seven months ago, police said.

No one was injured, but police technicians said that despite the delay the bomb mechanism was still capable of exploding.

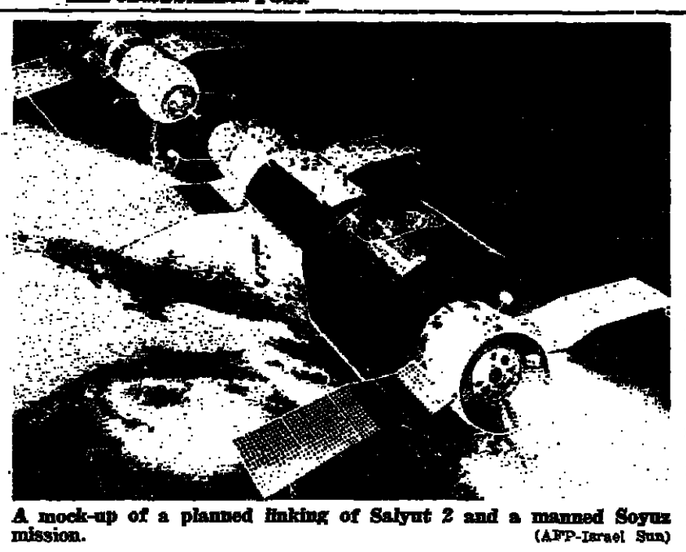
Police said the address was incorrect and probably was the main cause of the delay in delivery.

The letter, postmarked September 18, 1972 in Holland, was addressed to the Israeli Ambassador to Bolivia and Peru, Moshe Avidar. Security Police said. Employees at the embassy became suspicious of the letter and called the police, they said.

U.K. Jews protest to Iraqi Embassy

LONDON (Reuter). — Three Jews were involved in a scuffle on Friday after delivering a letter of protest to the Iraqi Embassy here.

The three claimed embassy staff tore up their letter, which complained about Iraq's "murderous and vicious persecution of Jews." No one was hurt in the incident.



A mock-up of a planned linking of Salyut 2 and a manned Soyuz mission. (AFP-Israel Sun)

Bourguiba: Arab state alongside Jewish one

ROME (Reuter). — President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia has urged the U.S. to hold direct talks with "moderates" in the Palestinian terrorist movement with a view to a Middle East peace settlement, it was reported here yesterday.

In an advance release of an interview with Italian journalist Tullia Zevib to be published today in the English-language Rome 'Daily American," President Bourguiba was quoted as saying he favoured a settlement that would rebuild an Arab state alongside a Jewish state.

President Bourguiba added that if the Israeli "expansionists" who characterized the present government persisted in their beliefs, the Middle East crisis would "last a hundred years." He also said Egypt was now ready to recognize Israel.

President Bourguiba told the newspaper "the important thing is that peace becomes a possible achievement thanks to the Arabs' new attitude and particularly that of the more moderate Palestinians who need reinforcement, and with whom there can be an interesting dialogue.

"This is what I have always told the U.S.A. — they who have talked with the North Vietnamese for years even if they were at war with them.

"So one must see what the Palestinians have to say and whether among them there are some moderate people with whom one can talk. On the other hand we know that in Israel there are some moderate people who do not agree with Mrs. Golda Meir's politics...."

Although he gave the impression of personally being cool toward Arab terror organizations, President Bourguiba made clear he was proposing talks with them rather than with elected Palestinian officials in the administered areas.

He likened these officials to Tunisians who collaborated with the French during his country's struggle for independence.

Bourguiba called on Israel to "make a small sacrifice" and accept the idea of an Arab state and a Jewish state in the former territory of Palestine.

In discussing Israel, President Bourguiba made a distinction between what he said were moderate Zionists willing to coexist with a Palestinian state and expansionist Israelis who, he said, characterized the present government.

He said he foresaw more terror by Black September and the emergence of a more militant regime in Egypt.

"Egypt is now ready to recognize Israel, but poor Sadat will not be able to hold power for long. His regime risks being taken in by the extremists if Israel persists in refusing everything," he said.

Swiss Foreign Minister to Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter). — The possibility of Switzerland playing a special mediatory role in the Middle East conflict may be raised during a week-long visit to Egypt, starting today, by Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber, informed sources said in Cairo yesterday.

Mr. Graber will be the first Swiss Foreign Minister or high-ranking Swiss government official to visit Egypt, indicating a more "active neutrality" now being followed by Switzerland.

The Swiss Foreign Minister is due to visit Israel next month and will, therefore, be in the position of talking to both sides in the Middle East conflict.

Stone-age chief wants pigs from his U.S. wife

JAKARTA (AP). — Obaharok, native chief of the stone-aged tribe in the jungles of West Irian, has demanded a compensation of 25 pigs from Miss Wyn Sargent, the American free-lance writer and photographer who married and left him in February, "Sinar Harapan" newspaper said.

Obaharok, through the Indonesian Government, also asked that all traditional dresses and other native handicrafts taken by Miss Sargent to U.S. be paid back in money.

The 25 pigs were killed for a wedding ceremony between Obaharok and Miss Sargent in January.

Informal Council move

U.N. urges Israel to cancel parade

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.N. Security Council is pressing Israel to call off the Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem on May 7.

In an unusual procedure, Peruvian Ambassador Javier Perez de Cuellar, Security Council President for April, discussed the parade in response to a Jordanian complaint, when he was host Friday to the monthly luncheon attended by all Council members. He then summoned Israeli ambassador Josef Tekoah to a private meeting.

It seemed clear that Cuellar conveyed to Tekoah the displeasure of council members over the parade. There were varying versions of how strongly he expressed it.

Jordanian Ambassador Abdul Hamid Sharaf told newsmen Cuellar had read Tekoah a text approved by all Council members asking that the parade be called off.

"We are satisfied that the Security Council has seen fit to warn Israel against holding the enormous parade in the midst of Jerusalem," Sharaf said.

Jordan has been protesting the parade plans as "shocking and ugly" violations of Jerusalem's spiritual sanctity and of U.N. resolutions on the subject.

A U.N. spokesman said the Cuellar-Tekoah meeting took place at the request of all Security Council members but he would not describe it as a "protest." However, Cuellar brought up past Security Council resolutions opposing past Israeli parades in Jerusalem, the spokesman said.

An Israeli spokesman gave no details of the exchange. But he said Tekoah drew the Security Council President's attention to anti-Israeli terrorist attacks carried out since the council on April 21 condemned Israel's April 9 commando raid on Beirut and other violence in the Middle East.

Tekoah mentioned the capture of three terrorists who crossed into Israel from Lebanon and said they had planned to shoot up the Safad bus depot, and the killing of an El Al airline employee Friday in Rome, the spokesman said.

The U.N. spokesman did not explain the Security Council's apparently cautious manner of dealing with the parade issue. He said he was not aware of any plans for a formal meeting but would not rule one out.

At its meeting a week ago, the Security Council accepted an Egyptian request for a full-dress review of the Middle East question. Swedish Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the U.N. special Middle East representative, has arrived to prepare for the review. *(AP, UPI)*

U.N. panel condemns U.S. imports of Rhodesian ore

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — The 24-member Decolonization Committee Friday condemned the continued U.S. imports of chrome and nickel from Rhodesia and urged the U.S. government to terminate this trade.

It also expressed a similar condemnation of South Africa and Portugal for not participating in the U.N.-proclaimed trade embargo against the white minority ruled country.

Concluding its debate on Rhodesia, the committee adopted two separate resolutions. The first, approved without a vote, reaffirmed the principle of independence and majority rule for Rhodesia, and urged Britain not to transfer any power or sovereignty to the white minority regime or Ian Smith. It also asked Britain to bring about conditions in Rhodesia to enable the people to exercise their right to self-determination and independence.

The second resolution condemning the U.S., South Africa and Portugal was adopted by 22 votes. Sweden abstained and Mali was absent.

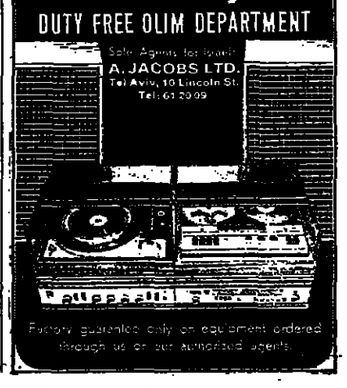
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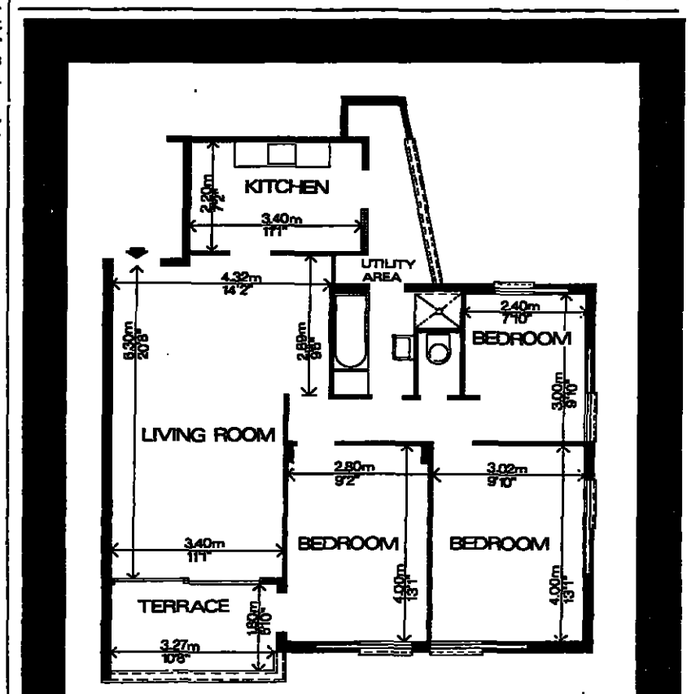
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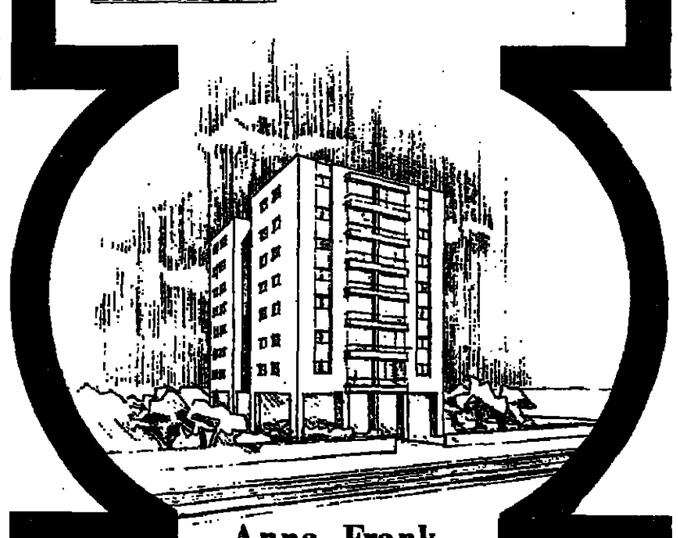


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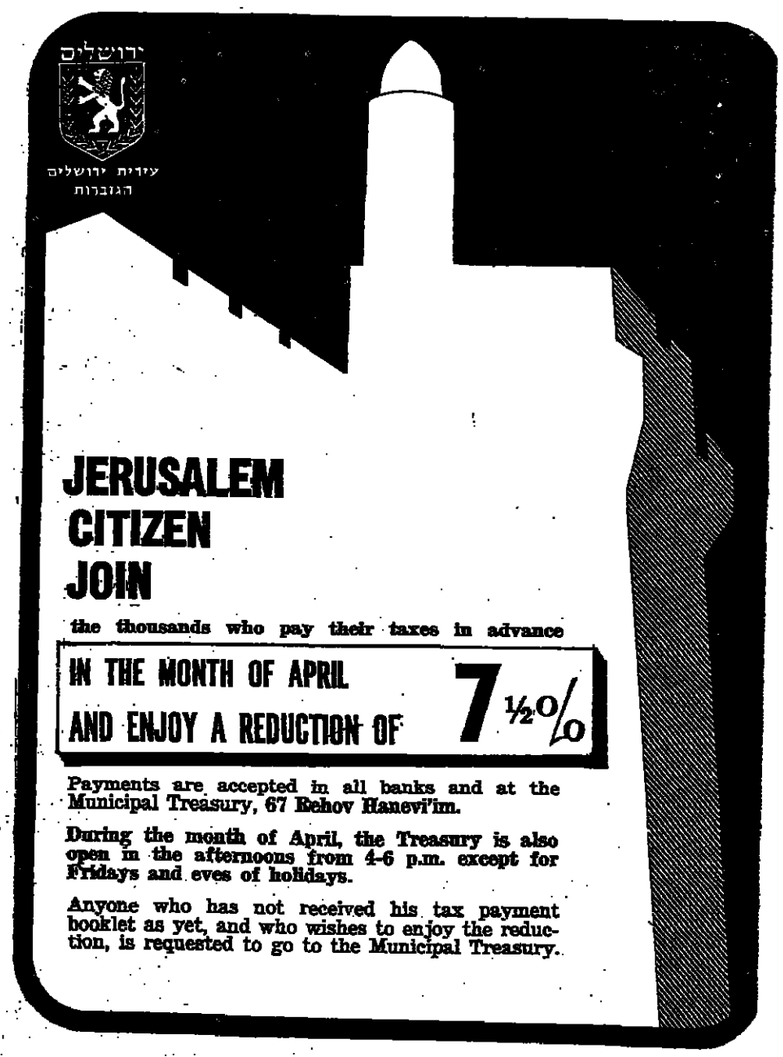
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Ze'ev Shek, political adviser to the Foreign Minister and a former Ambassador, is a survivor of the Theresienstadt, Auschwitz-Birkenau and Dachau camps.

e were standing in rows of five in the room leading to the wash- in Birkenau concentration camp. ing for the shower.

ie speech of SS-*Oberscharfuehrer* finished with the words: "You will nothing." This answered the ques- which no one had asked although yone had been thinking it; and it a clear "nothing," said in a tone oice *which* left no room for either ot or misunderstanding.

inutes before this "nothing" eager ners, unreconciled to their fate, d still be seen stuffing things from rucksacks into their satchels, their pockets back into their sacks — according to the latest pered rumour which of them would taken away, which of them we d be allowed to keep. Nobody any er thought of the suitcases which remained in the train from esienstadt. But the hand-luggage, would happen to the hand- age? Must we empty the pockets ur trousers?

ie "nothing" seemed to have solved he problems.

d the next order was already given: "Undress!"

some way I even felt relieved, without thinking about it I dropped clothes on to my hand-luggage. But hesitated for a moment and then the small drawing from the et. Had I not promised that it d always stay with me? I looked d and suddenly noticed next to me ld Jew from the Lithuanian trans-

God only knew why he had not dispatched to heaven quickly, al- y at the "selection" at the station. e he stood, broken and trembling, r one arm a fiddle and under the a bag with Tefillin (phylacteries). tched him and saw how, bent over lothes and his luggage, he lowered his right arm and then his left. le or Tefillin? There was no ation in his movements, as if he perfectly well which he preferred. erely could not make up his mind. ly, the decision was made: he kept the fiddle, holding it firmly under his left arm. The Tefillin bag he placed on top of his luggage, covering it carefully with the Tsitsiyot (ritual-fringed garment). When he saw that I was watching him, he blushed and murmured an excuse: "I'll say my prayers with my fiddle... yes, yes... with the fiddle too... as it says in the Psalms... God will forgive me..."

I wondered whether the verse of the 150th Psalm: "Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments..." had been written before or after the introduction of Tefillin — but immediately a shrill voice tore me from these edifying thoughts: "Take along your trouser belts!"

My instinct at once told me: that's a good sign. Something like hope woke in my soul and I looked again at the pile of clothes at my feet; I took the drawing out. I was not the only one. Hope gives courage. It seemed that everyone who was crowded into the little anteroom of the washroom wanted to convey something or other of his possessions beyond the shower. The one a picture, the other a book, that one an amulet... The old Lithuanian Jew stood beside me bold upright, the fiddle squeezed tightly under his arm, and smiled at me encouragingly —

"Forward, march!"

The shrill voice set the rows in motion. Separately, passing the SS control, we entered the shower-room. I was fairly far back, but I could see what was happening in front: A Bible flew through the air into the corner. A slap in the face. The photograph of a woman is snatched from a young prisoner's hand and torn up with a sarcastic comment. So I cast a last glance at the drawing, impressing it upon my memory, where even the hand of an SS man could not reach it. The others did likewise. All our tangible possessions were again lying on the ground.

Hands against the nape of the neck, belt round the naked body, head shaved, plundered, we stepped towards that shower which I was to learn only much later could contain not only water but also poison gas.

We had already come quite close to the SS supervisor when I discovered to my horror that the old man from Lithuania was still holding his fiddle under his arm. I passed the control and heard the old man behind me whisper in broken German: "Please... please may I...? an old fiddle... old and worthless like myself, old and worthless... please leave me my fiddle... please..."

Suddenly a hush fell over the room. Nobody moved. Will he be sent to be whipped like the one who tried to smuggle his wedding-ring through? Will he be sent back to the "selection" and, as ought to have happened to this *old man, be dispatched into the be*yond? Or will he be shot right here?

The SS man, however, apparently no less surprised than all of us, after hesitating briefly only started to shout: "Move on, get away from here!" And so as to add emphasis to his words, he pushed him into the shower.

The old man staggered towards me, his whole body trembling, but holding the fiddle as before, firmly under his arm. Had the SS man been moved by a human impulse? Had he been simply bamboozled by the old man's crazy courage? Or did he have special intentions for him? Here we were, torn out of the inconceivable reality of the first hours in the concentration camp by a fiddle, and I felt quite certain that this was not the end of the story of this fiddle.

Only those who have themselves been in a concentration camp know how much audacity and cunning were necessary to be able to possess a fiddle and to keep it. Under the shower, the old man protected it with his body, turning round, bending down, stretching this way and that, everything to keep it from getting wet. To the Block Orderly he promised half of the scanty supper bowl of soup if he would hide the fiddle during roll-call. Was it the Block Chief or the camp barber, or both, who reached for it? But the old man's loud assertion, which all of us naturally equally loudly confirmed, that the *Oberscharfuehrer* had personally passed the fiddle made them desist.

In the evening, before the light in the block went out, the old man played. I was fascinated more by what I saw than by what I heard. Suddenly his face became smooth and unwrinkled. His hands no longer trembled. Eyes half-closed, smiling, he played Dvorak's Humoresque. Then he improvised Hebrew melodies, opened his eyes, looked at me and closed them again. "That is my evening-prayer," he seemed to be trying to say to me.

Afterwards he lay down on the plank-bed, stretched himself out, took the fiddle into his arms, pressed it to his chest and went to sleep in this embrace... such as one would only wish for from a beloved.



Drawing by author's wife Alisa Shek, who is also a survivor of Theresienstadt.

But we were in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Hardly had we gone to sleep — maybe half an hour had passed — when we were torn awake by a deafening uproar. "Where's the Jew with the fiddle, hurry up, hurry up!"

The *Oberscharfuehrer* was standing in the doorway, visibly tipsy, next to him the Block Chief, searching with his large lamp along the plank-beds. Behind these two stood someone else, who mumbled over and over in a drunken voice: "Well go'ma, go'ma..."

Nobody knows exactly what happened after that. I only saw how they dragged the old man with the fiddle into the Block Chief's quarters, which were in the same barrack. Through the thin wood partition came the sound of yelling, fiddling, screaming, drunken singing. Then the little fat boy rushed crying into the room; the veterans had warned us against him although actually everyone felt sorry for him. At the *"selection," children of his age were in* fact as a rule, like old people, sent to the gas chamber. He owed his life to the perverted desires of the *Oberscharfuehrer*. Moreover, he had to spy on us. But now he was sobbing miserably. Was it "mamme, mamme" he was sobbing?

Next-door the *Oberscharfuehrer* could be heard beginning to sing the "Horst Wessel" song. Then he broke off and ordered:

"Play *'When Jew-blood spurts from the knife'.*"

Silence. Then again the *Oberscharfuehrer*, roaring rather than speaking: "Play *'When Jew-blood spurts from the knife,'* do you hear? *'When Jew-blood spurts from the knife.'* So, maybe you want me to show you how?"

"Go'ma, go'ma," the unknown man kept on mumbling.

We heard blows, screams.

"Lay off him." More blows.

"Maybe he really doesn't know it."

"Go'ma, go'ma..."

Then silence.

At last the old man appeared on the threshold of the barrack. The night-light showed that he had got away with a black eye and a bloody nose. The fiddle under his arm, he dragged himself to his hutch. We were all of us awake. The old man sat on his plank and said quietly:

"God's punishment... I didn't follow the example..." Then, in Hebrew, he recited Psalm 137: "By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the willow-trees we hung up our harps. For there those who carried us demanded music and singing, and our captors called on us to be merry... How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"

He broke off and repeated the verse: "Talinu kinoroteinu."

Suddenly he screamed: "They hid their fiddles... Do you understand? They hid them in the branches so that they would not be seen. Do you understand? They hid them so they wouldn't have to play."

Tears rolled down his cheeks. "God's punishment... Heaven..." Then he drew himself up, took hold of the fiddle and struck it as hard as he could against the wooden plank. We tried in vain to stop him. Like one possessed he struck again and again, wood rattling against wood. Strings snapped, splinters fell, and with every blow he repeated: "Never again shall I play the fiddle, never again shall I play the fiddle..."

Finally only the neck remained in his hand. He sank down on to the strawsack and it became still again in the barrack. We went to sleep. A present-time drama does not have a lasting effect when the near future, the next morning even, can bring life or death for any of us.

I saw the old man once more. It was in Dachau-Kaufering, in the typhus block. The doctor, himself an inmate, said to me: "Him? He's an odd one... In high fever he repeated whole phrases from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. *Apparently a music-lover. But maybe* not. Typhus is a nasty illness. Also affects..." — and he raised his hand to his forehead, an eloquent expression in his eyes.

"Hold on, old man," I whispered. "Hold on, soon it will be spring, soon it will be all over..."

Did he recognize me? Or was it only a coincidence that, in his fever, he was now humming Dvorak's Humoresque?

Translated by Karen Gershon

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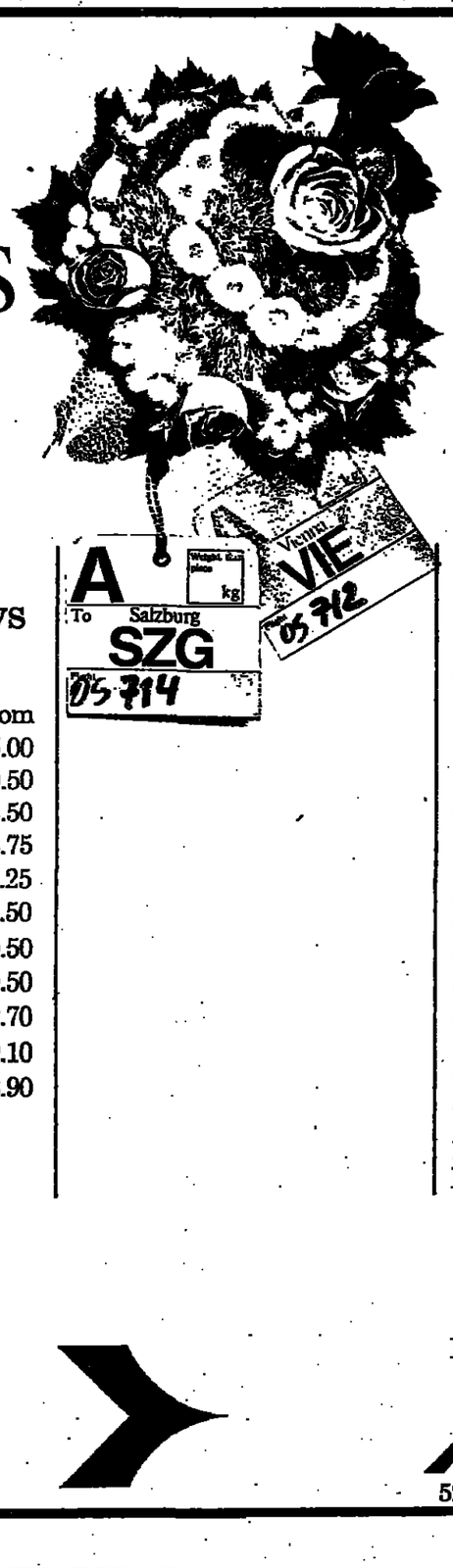
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Here are further summaries by Post reporters of the State Comptroller's 23rd annual review of Government Ministries. More summaries will appear in coming editions.

HEALTH MINISTRY

The great hospital fees muddle

By MACABEE DEAN

HOW much should a patient pay for a day's stay in a Government hospital? Neither the Ministry of Health nor the hospitals themselves have drawn up any scale of payments, and therefore charges are arbitrary, the State Comptroller finds.

But more important, the Ministry (and its hospitals) fails to raise the prices annually. For example, it now costs IL91 a day for each patient, but he is only charged from IL15.50 to IL79 for a day's hospitalization, depending on his financial circumstances.

Special arrangements are made for social welfare cases — and for Kupat Holim patients. They pay — that is to say the Government charges Kupat Holim and not the patients — IL15 a day.

(This is one of the main reasons Kupat Holim is anxious to send its patients to Government hospitals since it is much cheaper than sending a Kupat Holim patient to a Kupat Holim hospital.)

Although the local and regional authorities are supposed to pay part of the cost of local health care (mainly clinics, and examinations of school children) the Ministry of Health in some cases has failed to reach an agreement with local authorities. Thus when the Ministry demanded that the Rehovot Municipality pay an outstanding bill for IL134,000, the Municipality simply refused to "recognize" the bill. Other municipalities also refused to pay their bills although they did reach an agreements with the Ministry.

Financial arrangements made by the hospitals themselves leave much to be desired as well. Tel Hashomer Hospital billed its patients three to five months after their discharge; and the Nahariya hospital sends bills, out twice a year, in October and in March.

Who should pay?

Another problem is that in many cases it is unclear who should pay the patient's bill — the patient himself? Kupat Holim? His insurance company? The outcome is that collection of such bills is often delayed — and they constitute ten per cent of the patients in Tel Hashomer and 16 per cent in the Nahariya hospital.

The Ministry's "Food Inspection Service" fell far short of its responsibility to inspect places where food was kept. In 1971, of the planned 300 visits to cold-storage warehouses, only 78 were carried out; and in 1972, of the planned 102, only 54 visits were made. In some regions, such as Tel Aviv, only 12 per cent of the planned visits were performed.

The situation regarding care of the chronically ill, most of whom are over 65, is gradually deteriorating, as the population grows older, the Report notes. Most sick funds specifically exclude this type of person from receiving complete medical care, and thus the burden of providing facilities for the chronically sick falls either on the family, public bodies, or the Government's health services.

Although there ought to be 1.3 beds for these patients for each thousand inhabitants, there is only one bed for each thousand (although this is an increase from 0.82 beds per 1,000 in the past few years). However there is considerable doubt about the actual number of beds available for chronically sick, as many of the beds registered for such cases are in old age homes, occupied by fairly healthy people, while others are in hospitals where patients are hospitalized for short periods. Thus, the Report notes, the actual number of beds per 1,000 may only be 0.6 — or about half the number actually needed.

The result is that in some private hospitals for the chronically sick "occupancy" is 150 per cent — that is, a home built to accommodate 100 patients actually has 150 patients. This is done by overcrowding.

The Comptroller found that the Ministry did not draw up "clear-cut" directives to its doctors who granted travel-tax exemptions. Some 1,029 such exemptions were granted from October 1971 to September 1972, for two main reasons: to receive medical treatment "not available in Israel," or to visit relatives abroad whose health was in an extremely bad state.

In regard to tax exemptions for cars for disabled persons (only those with disabilities in their legs are considered), the Report found that in Tel Aviv there was a considerable delay, from two to four months, in approving such exemptions.

In other cities, the delays were only four to six weeks which was considered "reasonable." Moreover, in Tel Aviv the requests were often not handled in the chronological order of their submission.

The Report discusses the problems of the hospitalization of mental cases at length and notes that the situation has not improved greatly in the past year.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

NOT DOING ENOUGH TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

THE State Comptroller's report on the Transport Ministry will be a disappointment to those who may have thought all is well in the Ministry. The Comptroller is critical of the work being done in road accident prevention; of aspects of Lod Airport; of the way control is exercised over the bus cooperatives and the Department for Assuring Emergency Transportation.

In a passing reference to the Isael Flying Club, the Comptroller scored the Ministry for the failure of its representative to attend the club's management meetings since 1970, as he should have done. Though the Ministry had not licensed the club to operate aircraft since 1971, because it had not met requirements, it still continued to operate planes for instruction and training.

Reviewing road accidents, he noted that Israel stood 15th out of 33 countries reviewed in a recent study of fatal accidents per kms. of travel. During 1965-71, road accidents claimed nearly 120,000 casualties with over 3,000 deaths.

At the end of 1971, there were 300,000 motor vehicles in the country, and 740,000 are expected by 1980. Research showed this need not necessarily entail a similar rise in accidents, if sufficient funds are expended on the road infrastructure. But, in the three-year war on accident plans presented by the Ministry in 1972, the expansion of transportation was not accompanied by parallel and appropriate development of the transport infrastructure.

Bogged down

The inter-ministerial headquarters for the war on accidents, established in 1971, did some intensive work but was soon bogged down by a proliferation of authority. The Comptroller believes that such a body could succeed if its authority, personnel and methods of action reflected the seriousness of the problems it dealt with. This was proved by the success of the inter-ministerial committee on the administered areas.

The Ministry had failed even to spend the sums allocated by the Knesset for the war on accidents. The Ministry indicated that local authorities who must carry out actual road building had lacked manpower and funds for their contribution to the expenses, but that it was now speeding the work on the infrastructure improvements.

The Ministry was criticized for inept enforcement of the mandatory use of safety belt regulations and its points system against offending drivers, and for the failure to establish road safety instruction centres for children. Disorder was found in the stores and equipment control of the National Road Accident Prevention Council.



DEATH ON THE ROADS — The Transport Ministry bears some of the responsibility. (Goldberg)

Turning to Lod Airport development, the Comptroller found some tarmacs not up to requirements, a lack of a master plan, failure to call important committees into session; failure to hold contractors for big projects to their deadlines and cost undertakings; and failure to stop cost over-runs by contractors and planners.

Following the fire at the airport's passenger terminal in October, 1968, the Ministry rebuilt it on a much larger scale. The work scheduled for early 1970, was finished in late 1971. The original estimate of IL 12.2 million, was increased to IL15.25 million at the end of 1969, to IL19 million the next year and finally to IL21.8 million, not including the cost of "unexpected jobs," consulatation and control and coordination.

Inflated prices

Some work had been farmed out without a tender and in some cases the "exaggerated" prices demanded by the sub-contractors had been reduced by as much as 40 per cent by the supervising company.

The Comptroller praised the airport management for having rehabilitated and enlarged the terminal without disturbing airport operation. Work started immediately after the fire and because of its urgency contractors were engaged before plans had been made.

The measures taken by the Ministry to enable it to exert control over the expenditure calculations of the bus cooperatives were, "intermediate." Although the Ministry had argued that it was not responsible for the cooperatives' efficiency or productivity, the Comptroller recommended that it make an objective estimate of higher costs and when necessary deal with the cooperatives' deficits. The Ministry should force the cooperatives to establish a costing system which would enable the Ministry to exert more efficient control over fare prices.

The problem of vital transportation in cases of emergency had not been satisfactorily solved. This was partly due to physical shortages, but he recommended closer coordination between the various bodies involved — to help achieve at least partial solutions.

With regard to licensing, candidates failed the driving tests several times before they were obliged to take a complete physical examination to check if they had mental or other disorders preventing them from driving. Of 61 drivers directed to the Medical Institution after being involved in fatal accidents or serious traffic offences, 29 were found totally unfit for driving and 12 of these were professional drivers. New regulations, will oblige candidates for licences for public or security vehicles to undergo full medical tests.

INTERIOR MINISTRY

Irregular research

By SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of the Interior was taken to task by the State Comptroller for irregularities in handing out work to research firms. This is often done without ascertaining whether another firm can do the same job for less.

The Comptroller cites many examples, such as a research firm which was to conduct a survey for the Ministry for IL70,000. The firm handed out the job to no less than ten sub-contractors and although it did not do the job, it nevertheless made a profit. The Comptroller felt that Ministry departments could take the trouble to see whether more than one firm is capable of conducting a study and whether it can be done more cheaply.

Ministry officials often gave work to certain firms without being able to explain why they preferred them to their competitors. When tenders were published they were not handled according to all the rules. Bids were accepted after the deadline and after other bids had already been considered.

The Comptroller also complains that Ministry units did not take care to see that agreements were signed. He says he pointed to the need for this time and again. Such agreements bind contractors to all the conditions, including cost and deadline for completion of the work.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

How not to sell an embassy

By DAVID LANDAU

THE Comptroller — in his report on the Foreign Ministry — investigated the sale, in 1971, of Israel's former embassy in Paris and the purchase of a new embassy — and found several faults in the transactions. Basically, he found that both the sale and the purchase were carried out without the requisite authorization from the Treasury.

In the event, Israel came out of the transactions with a profit. The embassy owned a plot of land in Paris and the two buildings which previously housed the embassy, and it sold these for 13 million francs. The new embassy building cost nearly ten million francs including renovation work and furnishing. Thus the profit to the State's coffers was considerable—and the Ministry pointed this out in answering the Comptroller's criticisms.

The Comptroller admits that there was a profit but says that this by no means excuses lax administrative discipline.

In the case of the purchase, the Treasury had agreed with the Foreign Ministry on a ceiling of seven million francs — but the embassy exceeded this without reporting to the Treasury. The embassy also took short-term loans to bridge the time between purchase and sale without informing the Treasury — this despite clear instructions from the Accountant-General that no loans may be taken abroad without prior approval.

The Foreign Ministry sent experts to examine the new building only after the transaction was completed. They reported that it was too big for the embassy's needs.

The Comptroller believes that the embassy could have realized more than 13 million francs for the plot plus the two old buildings. It had actually had separate offers for these assets amounting to 13.6 million francs, but it preferred, unaccountably, to sell them en bloc for less. The Treasury had also anticipated that these assets would bring in a larger sum.

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IN a follow-up note on a previous report, the Comptroller notes the Foreign Ministry's reply to his remark that the sum Israel pays as "membership dues" to the U.N. seemed too high. The Ministry decided not to appeal to the U.N. Membership Committee against Israel's rating 0.2 per cent of the U.N. budget. Explaining its decision, the Ministry notes that 10 years ago Israel was paying 0.17 per cent so that the current fee is not really exagerated. The grading is fixed by a country's gross national product and average income per person and "the statistical data in these areas would not support an appeal by Israel against its grading."

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

BUSY SIGNAL AT PHONE SERVICES

By ASHER WALLFISH

THE Ombudsman — as the State Comptroller's Commissioner of Complaints is called in popular parlance — spent much time handling complaints from people who said that their requests for telephones were not properly handled by the Ministry of Communications.

The State Comptroller accordingly decided it was high time to inspect the situation, and carried out his probe in two districts: Jerusalem and Southern, and Tel Aviv and Central.

The Comptroller observes, by way of general comment, that when too many people are chasing too few phones, applicants must wait a long time before getting the instrument installed. Consequently, they complain and they get the feeling — justified or imaginary — that other applicants are obtaining phones faster because of favouritism.

(On December 31, 1972, 107,766 people were waiting for phones but only 39,515 free lines were available in the existing telephone exchanges.)

Two divisions at the Ministry handle applications for new phones: the Telephone Services Division which approves them and the Engineering Services Division which actually puts in the line and the instrument. The Comptroller found that in many cases, records of the same application did not tally from one division to the other.

Scale of priorities

In the Tel Aviv area, an applicant who has been turned down once and applies for a second time in the hope that a line has become available often has to wait a month and more for an answer.

The only way to dole out phones fairly is to work according to a scale of priorities which determines who should get an instrument first. The scale of priorities contains eight grades.

However, a sample check in Jerusalem of 400 files showed 30 files in which the phones had not been approved according to the scale of priorities. The application form for a phone does not spell out the scale of priorities or inform the applicant what details to write so as to qualify for the appropriate grade.

The Comptroller found a case of two immigrants who were neighbours: the one who attached a document showing he was an immigrant got his phone; and the other, who had no idea that his immigrant status was relevant, did not mention the fact and so was turned down.

After discussing inequities in approval of phones, the Comptroller detailed inequities in the actual installation by the engineering services division.

Thus, the engineers in many cases installed phones in buildings where the job posed few technical difficulties, even though the applicants had only got approval for phones recently. Meanwhile, people in buildings where installation was complicated or onerous, were kept waiting although their applications had been approved much earlier.

The Comptroller accepts the logic of the Engineering Services Division that it can often make its manpower and equipment "go further" and attain higher efficiency if it concentrates them in one particular area at one time. However, the Comptroller insists, the engineers must always allocate part of their resources to installing phones according to the conventional system of priorities, even though this means putting in single phones here and there in widely separated areas.

Three-year wait

The Comptroller's inquiry in Jerusalem and Southern District in November 1972 showed that office reports listing applicants for phones did not specify how long they had been waiting. The Comptroller had to make it his business to tell the district that 500 of the 16,000 outstanding applications had been waiting for more than three years. This prompted the Engineering Services Division to carry out a second check to ascertain whether something could be done, after all, to provide the wanted phones.

The problem is aggravated by the fact that when an applicant inquires about the prospects of his application being met, he usually gets a vague reply. The Comptroller suggests that were the public better informed it would have more confidence in the Ministry.

When you dial "14" and ask for "Information," are you getting the service you need?

Not quite — says the Comptroller.

Operators at "14" should have their special directories updated between four and six times yearly, according to the Ministry's good intentions. But their directories are only updated every four months.

The Ministry has an internal committee discussing ways of improving "14" services, which started meeting four years ago.

To date, this committee has effected no changes as far as the special directories are concerned.

The Comptroller criticizes the premature publicity of the Ministry over introduction of the "mikud" zip code system, before preparations were ready. He lists a series of methodical preparations which the Ministry is now making, or is due to make, and urges the Ministry to see that the "mikud" system goes into operation by the end of 1973.

PORTS AUTHORITY

Congestion costs tens of millions

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

THE Comptroller — discussing the Ports Authority — found that the congestion surcharges imposed by the shipping companies on the country's ports amounted to IL20m. during 1969-70. Although no final account had been made for the following years, the sum was certainly considerably larger, as congestion was heavier, and freight rates (the charges are a percentage of the rates) have gone up.

While the congestion had been due in large measure to the expansion of the country's foreign trade, the lack of manpower in the ports also contributed to the shortcomings. The manpower available had also not always been applied efficiently because labour contracts made it impossible to require skilled dockers to do more second shift work and because of strikes and other work disruptions.

The Comptroller noted that in Haifa port the ten "permanent" gangs of dockers who for many years had worked only in the lucrative high premium citrus fruit loading during the season, had been abolished by the Authority in 1970. The Authority had paid the men IL1m. "compensation" for waiving their "right" to the jobs, with a view to deploying them as nuclei for establishing additional gangs, augmented by unskilled workers. The Authority calculated that in this way 20 more gangs could be established. In fact, not only was the number of fruit loading gangs in the port not increased as a result of the arrangement, but actually decreased.

Haifa disputes

The Comptroller said work disputes in Haifa port during 1972 were an important factor in the port congestion. For more than a month, the foremen stopped working overtime and refused to supervise more than two gangs of men each. For three months, the dockers employed on citrus loading lowered their output by one third to back their demand for lower income tax on their premiums.

The report praised the measures taken to alleviate congestion, but noted that this was still common in Ashdod and Haifa port. He expected an improvement from greater use of containers and unitized cargoes in the future. The Comptroller concluded that the ports had reached a high level of mechanisation, but there was still much room for improvement in deploying available manpower, which would have to be done by changings the labour contracts.

Reporting on the measures for preventing damage to cargoes, he found these quite insufficient, but noted that the Authority had promised to improve them. He also found fault with the Authority's handling of damage claims, its pension funds and liquid cash reserves, and noted that the Authority had undertaken improvements.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES' PROJECTS

Money down the drai

By SARAH HONIG

DECISIONS by most local authorities, especially for large construction projects, are not preceded by adequate consideration as to necessity, suitability, and budgeting, according to the State Comptroller in his report on local government in Israel.

The Comptroller advises cities and local councils to think and plan more carefully before embarking on essentially useless projects, which waste the taxpayer's money, and then indulging in afterthought.

His list of examples of such lack of planning and waste is long. One local council which had only 20 children of school age constructed a school for 250 pupils, and when the number of pupils dropped to no more than 12, the school was expanded further.

One municipality spent IL924,000 on the construction of a *mikve* (ritual bath). The baths have not yet been opened because the municipality belatedly concluded that there was no need for such a bath there and the number expected to use them would be so small as to not justify the high operational cost. The fact that the facilities are not used and not even guarded has resulted in great damage.

Indoor markets

A number of cities spent considerable funds on large indoor markets, only to discover that pedlars are not inclined to move in and prefer the outdoors. Except for one such structure which has been turned into a kindergarten centre, all the indoor markets are empty.

The Comptroller adds that waste is not confined to construction projects. Considerable funds earmarked for sanitation also go down the drain. The Comptroller notes that many towns bought expensive equipment for street cleaning. After impressive sums had been spent, the cities realized that it would have been much cheaper to employ private contractors to clean the streets. Often the cities discovered that the equipment they bought did not even suit local conditions. One such city managed to sell its useless equipment, but the others have not been so fortunate, and the equipment is stored unused in municipal warehouses. The Comptroller also finds that many cities waste money by not hiring private contractors to collect garbage.

Another major area of criticism is organization of local authorities for emergency conditions. But here, the Comptroller blames the government committee which is to supervise putting the economy on an emergency footing if necessary, to assure the civilian population of all essential services, food and fuel. The government committee was to supply each local council with the list of essential industries within its jurisdiction so that the council could provide such plants with power sources and manpower in time of emergency and allow them to continue operation under any circumstances.

Lack of data

The Comptroller found that in most cities, particularly the large ones, no adequate arrangements regarding essential plants could be made because the cities have not been supplied with the necessary data. Thus the Jerusalem emergency committee has no list of essential industries, and the Tel Aviv list is so dated that it includes plants that have long been closed, such as an ice factory.

The Comptroller says detailed, up-to-date data must reach local government since "otherwise there is no way in which they can ascertain which are the essential industries in their area and cannot make sure that emergencies they would be given all the necessary means to function. The situation at pre can cause great disorder in the ply of essential goods and ser to the civilian population at t of emergency," he concludes.

The Comptroller is also unhe about the state of veterinary su vision of livestock and abattoirs points out that most regional c cils, and in particular those in areas, have not complied with dinances and employed veterinar to supervise livestock conditions law, a veterinarian must ins barns and poultry farms before owner is given a permit to ope them. Supervision in slaugh houses, he finds, also leaves n to be desired. About 330 per of all meat, poultry and fish re ers operated without permits 1972 and the Comptroller feels as in previous years, the local thorities "failed to take suffi steps to ensure that the min standards of hygiene were instit in the permitless businesses and no action to have them closed.

The blame, however, does nc solely with the local authorities. Comptroller attributes the cu situation to the fact that no than three government minis — Agriculture, Health and the terior — are responsible for rinary supervision. The Minis of the Interior and Agriculture in particular urged to see t that the new slaughterhouses ned are indeed constructed in near future and that renov work be speeded up where it i cessary.

Finally, the Comptroller local councils to task for ha for the most part, failed to plete the local masterplans should have been ready three ago. He points out that in a mically developing country su Israel, the lack of overall leads to "temporary solutions *faits accomplis,* which it wou difficult to change later on."

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TOURISM MINISTRY

ENSURING A FAIR DEAL FOR TOURISTS

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE rapid development of tourism since the Six Day War and the increasing resort to advanced bookings have resulted in the narrowing of the average tourist's freedom of choice: usually he selects one of a number of "package" tours through an agent, to whom he entrusts both the hotel reservation and the itinerary.

Because of this it is incumbent on the relevant government authorities to make certain that the visitor gets what he pays for, says the State Comptroller in his report on the Tourist Ministry. Lack of proper supervision of the accommodation and facilities offered, and the rates charged, by Israel's hotels could result in the lowering of standards and of the number of visitors, it warns.

The report deals with the Comptroller's investigation into the Ministry's supervision of hotels during July and August last year. It concedes that the Ministry's authority is limited. There is no regulation that fixes the relation between a hotel's grade and the prices it may charge, with the Ministry having a say only in the former.

In the event a hotel charges prices far above the services it offers, the Ministry may initiate legal action against the hostelry. But the courts have not always upheld the Ministry's complaint, the Comptroller notes.

To remedy a situation in which a hotel, in a seller's tourist market, can thumb its nose at the Ministry, a draft law was tabled in the Knesset last November which would broaden the Ministry's authority. This would include giving it the right to determine the type and standard of services required of hotels in specific grades, and the minimal qualification of the personnel they may employ.

The Ministry's hotel grading system is based on universal experience but its regulations are couched in loose terms which do not impose particular physical standards of hotels in the various grades. The report gives some illustrations:

- Hotels in all five grades are required to have public rooms — lobbies, dining halls, etc. But the regulations do not attempt to fix the relationship between the number of guests a hotel may accommodate and the size, facilities or fittings of the public rooms.
- The regulations require that a four-star hotel's facade must be in keeping with its grade, and a five-star hotel be housed in an impressive building with a palatial main entrance. These descriptions do not give adequate guidance to the authority responsible for endorsing the building plans nor to the builders as to how to make it fit into its surroundings.
- The regulations require the builders to provide elevators "according to need," without indicating the ratio between the number of floors and guests, and the number or size of elevators. The report lists cases in which some hotels obtained official sanction to add entire floors without providing more elevators.
- Four- and five-star hotels are required to provide superior services in all departments — without any explanation of what this entails.

The report adds, however, that towards the end of 1972 the Ministry appointed a committee to prepare more detailed regulations for hotels in each of the five categories.

The Ministry is also acting to remedy the situation in which 300 small hotels — representing half the total number of the country's hostelries although having only 20 per cent of the rooms — are operating without any real supervision. These include mostly establishments of up to 10 rooms, as well as the rest-homes of the various sick funds and other organizations. These establishments do not carry the Ministry's recommendation for tourists, although some of them are not only suitable for this purpose but in fact cater to domestic tourism and foreign tourists of the "popular" category.

Although under the law the Ministry of Tourism is responsible for such hotels too, it has not yet graded them or attempted to supervise them, despite the fact that the Comptroller had drawn the Ministry's attention to this in an earlier report. As a result, these establishments continue to operate in contravention of the regulations, which declare that no one may run a hotel before it has been graded by the proper authority.

Last November the Ministry announced that it has begun to compile a list of non-recommended hotels in order to establish closer contact with them and supervision over their operation.

The report adds that only in May last year did the Ministry begin to investigate the emergency precautions of hotels under its supervision: whether they provided adequate shelters, fire-fighting and first aid facilities, as well as safes for the storage of their guests' valuables.

Investigation of the Ministry's method of appointing senior personnel to its branches abroad revealed that while it described the tasks of branch manager and assistant manager, it did not list the desired qualifications of candidates (education, training, experience, languages). Appointments to these posts were made by decision of the Ministry's directorate, often on the recommendation of a committee comprising three senior officials.

Investigating 33 appointments, the Comptroller found that some of them were determined by internal tender only after the Ministry had already decided on the appointments. In several cases a selections committee named by the Civil Service Commission decided on a candidate after he had already been installed in the post abroad.

While favouring the internal tender system as a means of objective selection of the most qualified man for the job, the report says that the manner in which the Ministry conducts them deprives the system of any value.



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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

LITTLE SPENT ON RESEARCH INTO CITRUS

By YITZHAK OKED

IN his report on the Ministry of Agriculture, the State Comptroller studied five aspects of its operation: planning, research and extension of services in the citrus industry; marketing of potatoes; agricultural aid to foreign countries; water economy; and the Israel Land Administration.

The report points out that so far only small amounts of money have been spent on citrus research compared to the total value of this industry. It says that developments in the citrus market makes it important for the Ministry to intensify its efforts in this field in order to make the Israeli fruit competitive with those of foreign countries.

It notes that in 1966 an eight-man committee was set up in order to decide on research projects — four each from the Citrus Marketing Board and from the Ministry. It decided to set up a IL1m. special research fund to study problems in packing houses and marketing methods abroad. But the report found that the committee does not have specific norms and criterions specifying the projects for which funds are to be spent; also, usually only two of the eight committee members were present at meetings, —one from each side—and the Ministry man was not always the official committee member.

The Comptroller believes that decisions to allocate moneys for research should be made when a majority of committee members are present.

The fund invested over IL315,000 since 1966 in trying to develop at the engineering institute of the Ministry's research organization a prototype of an automatic sorting and wrapping machine. But so far a commercial prototype has not yet been prepared, it is noted.

Potato grading

Concerning the marketing of potatoes, the Comptroller checked six sorting plants and found discrepancies of up to 15 per cent in gradings of Class A potatoes, between one plant and another. The Marketing Board does not receive reports from grading plants during the season — thus it cannot supervise this work.

The Comptroller has a number of complaints concerning storage. The Board has no fixed standards for cold storage of potatoes. Each cold storage plant does this as it pleases. Marketing Board inspectors do not try to ascertain whether storage space is clean, dry and set at the proper temperatures, either before or during the storage period.

Consequently, it is difficult for the Board to prove whether damage to potatoes are caused by wrong storage techniques — making it impossible for the Board to be compensated by the owners of storage plants. The Israel Standards Institute has made proposals for storage standards which were submitted to the Board in September 1971. But these are still being studied and have not yet been put into effect.

The Marketing Board has promised the Comptroller that when the proposals are approved, contracts with cold storage plants will specify that they must conform to these standards.

Concerning agricultural aid to foreign countries, it is noted that both the Agriculture and Foreign ministries sometimes accept for courses foreign trainees who do not meet specifications of the courses. The Agriculture Ministry explained that this was due to local conditions abroad.

The Comptroller believes that there should be as few such cases as possible, so that the standard of the course is not lowered.

The Comptroller has also been informed that the Minister of Agriculture has set up a committee (represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Foreign Ministry) to coordinate foreign and international agricultural aid. The committee will also decide on foreign aid policy and coordinate the activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and international bodies dealing with agricultural aid.

Israel Lands Administration

Concerning the Israel Lands Administration, the Comptroller reports that not all the changes and new directives decided upon by the Administration's management were properly channeled, so that lower echelon clerks in field offices could not implement them.

In 1968-69 there was a new directive concerning ceiling prices of rent paid for Lands Administration property. The decision did not reach the responsible clerks, and the management did not follow through to find out if the new directive was being carried out.

The report also points out that the rental of lands, especially those for urban building projects, demands a large amount of administrative work, out of all proportion to the small sums paid in yearly rent (only the first rental payment is proportionally high). This system results in many complaints. From previous complaints and Comptroller reports, the Comptroller sees a need for an entire change in the land rental system.

The Israel Lands Administration has promised the Comptroller that it plans to establish a central control unit and an inspection and follow-up department. These units and departments will be helped by a computer that the Administration will start using.

Following up Comptroller reports of previous years concerning water economies, the Water Commissioner has informed the Comptroller that in accordance with the 1971 water law, he had formed an administrative unit to keep the Lake Kinneret area free of pollution. This unit supercedes the Kinneret committee which did not have legal standing. The research section of this body is already active in a number of projects, including one on the quality of Kinneret water.

This unit though has not yet defined its activities — which means that it has not fulfilled all the demands of the Knesset Finance Committee, that one central body be formed and that it will have lawful jurisdiction.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

GETTING AWAY WITH SAFETY VIOLATIONS

By AARON SITTNER

LABOUR Ministry inspectors are not strict enough, according to the State Comptroller. He points to some of the findings uncovered during an examination of the inspection corps' central and regional offices in the period ranging from August through November 1972.

In Jerusalem, 562 building contractors were engaged in various projects throughout the city. To check the Ministry's safety inspectors, the State Comptroller examined files relating to 176 building sites under construction in the Capital. He found that only 63 out of the 176 sites (36 per cent) had been visited by inspectors. (The inspectors look for such things as faulty hoisting machines, scaffolding and other equipment used in the construction process.) Among the building sites never checked by the inspectors were large projects, including apartment-house complexes of 130 to 180 units.

The State Comptroller also found the inspectors lax in their follow-up activities. Sometimes, more than two months elapsed before a warning letter was mailed to a violator of safety regulations, following the discovery of the violation. At other times, letters warning the contractor of legal action for non-compliance went unanswered; yet, the inspectors failed to make repeat inspections for a long period of time after the "final" date for correction of the violation. Sometimes they never even bothered to make a follow-up inspection.

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TURNING to another Labour Ministry department — the Employment Service — the Comptroller found that vocational guidance counsellors did not keep records of job applicants whom they referred to special training and retraining courses. Such negligence, says the Comptroller, prevents the counsellors from learning whether their advice to job seekers is sound, i.e., if they are really helping people.

Another shortcoming in the Employment Service concerned the special committees set up to handle the problem of placing physically disabled workers in proper jobs. According to law, such workers appear before a committee, which determines their fitness for certain types of jobs. The law requires the committee to include a physician, a vocational guidance counsellor and the director of the local labour exchange or his representative.

The State Comptroller reviewed the records of these committee meetings for the period of October 1971 through March 31, 1972 — in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. He found that in the overwhelming majority of the meetings the vocational guidance counsellor was absent. In Jerusalem this occurred in six out of ten meetings; in Haifa, in four out of five meetings; and in Tel Aviv, in all 18 meetings.

The State Comptroller says he found this fault back in 1968 and nothing was done since to correct this situation.

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ONE of the projects assumed by the Ministry's Public Works Department is the construction of the new Rambam Hospital in Haifa, for the Ministry of Health. Planning for the 16-building Government hospital began in 1965, and completion of the project is scheduled for the middle of this year. By the end of 1972, approximately IL33m. had been invested in the construction of the hospital, and the Public Works Department expects the total outlay to reach IL50m. Of this, IL21m. will be for the main building.

From the very beginning of the project there were delays in supplying the necessary detailed building plans. This in turn caused delays in actual construction work. The slower construction schedule meant higher costs, as the construction price in dex rose. By the end of 1972 the cost of the main building had risen by 50 per cent.

OFFICIAL RECEIVER

Creditors not protected

By DAVID LANDAU

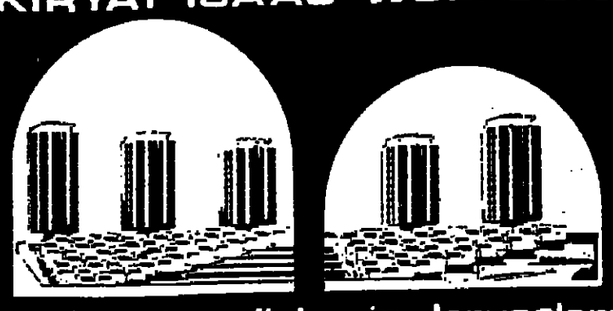
INVESTIGATING the Official Receiver's department, the Comptroller found it was understaffed and therefore unable to carry out its tasks properly. The Official Receiver, the Comptroller notes, is expected to protect the interests of creditors of bankrupts. In order to do this adequately and to deal with the backlog of cases which has built up the Receiver should either apply for additional manpower for his department, the Comptroller recommends, or else initiate the appointment of more outside trustees and liquidators. (These are appointed by the creditors or at the Official Receiver instigation — by the court.)

One of the main tasks of the Official Receiver is to locate property belonging to a bankrupt or to a liquidated company. Yet the Comptroller found that out of the 343 bankruptcy cases he investigated only in 32 was property seized, and of the 90 liquidations of companies only in 30 was property seized. In many cases efforts were made to locate property months after the bankruptcy order was issued. The Official Receiver explained that the situation stemmed from lack of personnel.

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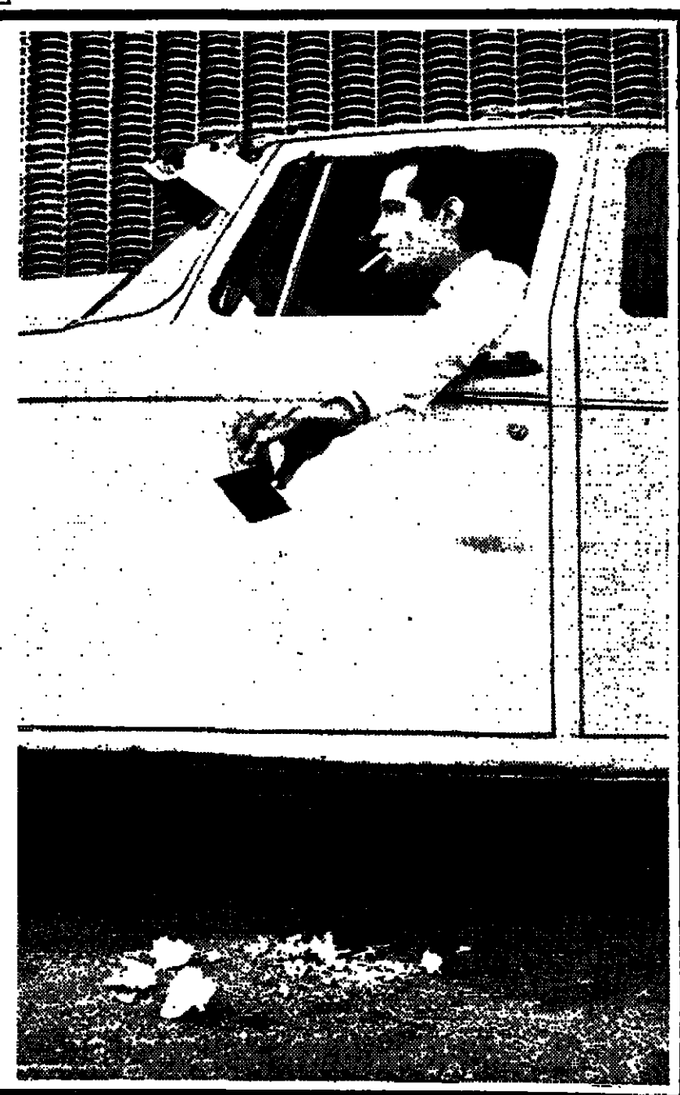
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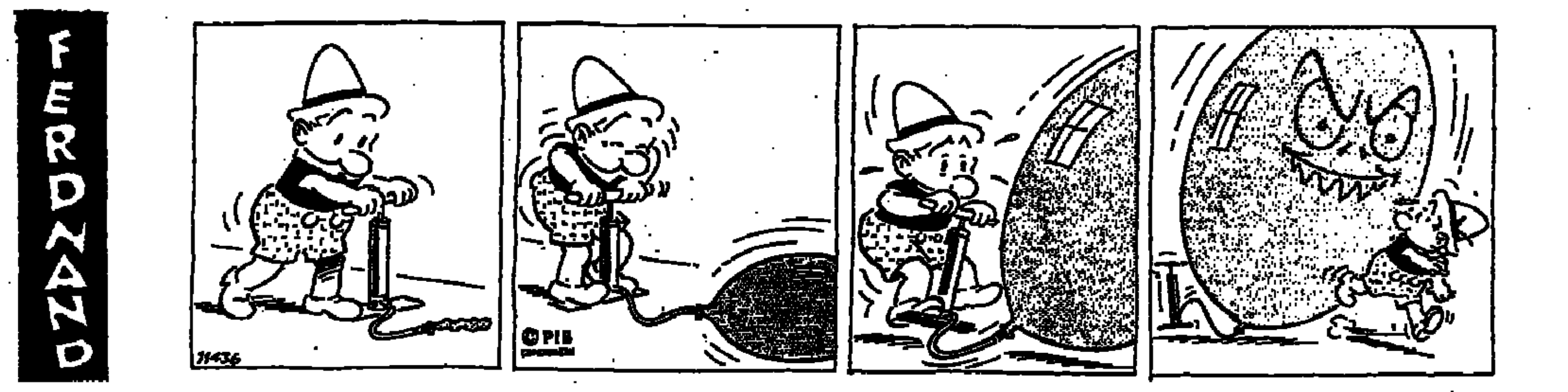
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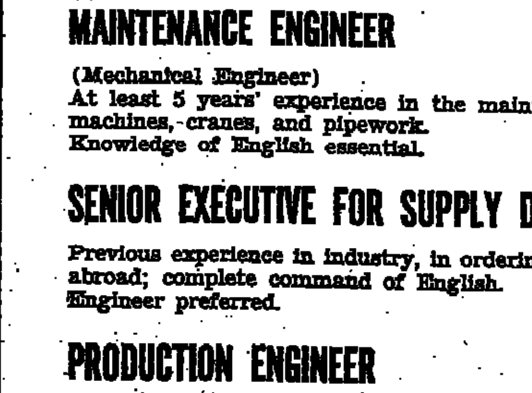
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JERUSALEM

● **Israel Museum:** —

Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.; Tues. Shrine of the Book, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday, Museum 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Exhibitions:

Jewish Life in Morocco.

Alhambra of Granada — Photographs by Arieli — Special Exhibition at Rockefeller Museum (in coop. with Jerusalem Municipality). Film making (Youth Wing).

Travellers to the Holy Land—prints and drawings, 15th-20th cent. in memory of Herman Mayer (Cohen Hall).

Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings from the Museum and Farkas Collections (Goldmuntz Hall).

Special exhibit:

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● **Conducted Tours:** —

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Hebrew University, conducted tours in English, weekdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. starting from the lobby of the Administration Building at the Givat Ram Campus and at 11.30 a.m. from the Truman Research Institute at the Mount Scopus Campus.

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Jerusalem Music Academy. Cello and piano recital, Tania Berginsky (cello) and Alexander Berginsky (piano), tomorrow, April 30 at 8.30 p.m. in the hall of the Academy. Programme: Mozart, Shubert, Hindemith, De Falla; The recital arranged in cooperation with Jerusalem Municipality.

TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv Museum, Sderot Shaul Hamelech.

Exhibitions: Toulouse-Lautrec, lithographs (Zacks Hall). The Museum Collections (Meyerhoff Hall, Jaglom Hall, Haft Hall No. 3). Hours: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Tues.: 10 a.m.-1 p.m; 4 pm.-10 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, 6 Rehov Tarsat. Lea Nikel, paintings, 1963-1973, from hours 3, 7 p.m.

Museum Ha'aretz: Ramat Aviv (1) Glass Museum; (2) Kadmon Numismatic Museum; (3) Ceramics Museum; (4) Museum of Ethnography and Folklore; (5) Museum of Science and Technology; (6) Tel Quasile Excavations; (7) Alphabet Museum Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 26 Rehov Bialik: (8) Museum for the History of Tel Aviv: Sun. to Thurs — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. — closed. 10 Mifratz Shlomo. Yafo: Sun., Mon., Tues. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fr. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Wizo Tourist Club, 116 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 233939, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Weizmann Institute of Science, conducted tours, Sun. to Thurs., 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.; Fri. 10.30 a.m. only, starting from the lobby of the Charles Clore International House.

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM (4.30, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON: The Fifth Cord; CHEN: Chinese Boxer; EDEN: What A High School; EDISON: Roop Terra Mastana; HABIRAH: Fellini/ Roma; JERUSALEM: One Is A Lonely Number; ORGIL: And Hope To Die; ORION: Obsessions; ORNA: C.O.D.; RON: The House On Chelouche Street; SEMADAR: Catch 22.

TEL AVIV (4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Hall of Mirrors; BEN YEHUDA: El Salvador; CHEN: The Valachi Papers; CINERAMA: Assault; DEKEL: The Sucker; DR. IN: Now You See Him Now You Don't; EDEN: Friend Of Youth 4.00 7.00 9.00; ESTHER: And Hope To Die; GAT: Les Assassins de L'Ordre; GORDON: La Mandarine; HOD: The House On Chelouche Street; LIMOR: Lady Caroline Lamb; MAXIM: The Viking Who Came From the South; MOGRABI: C.O.D.; OPHIR: Passion For Danger; ORLY: Dr. Popaul; PARIS: The Last Picture Show; PEER: Cabaret; RAMAT AVIV: The Great Waltz. 7.00 9.30; STUDIO: Last Tango In Paris. 7.00 9.30; TCHELET: Night At The Opera; TEL AVIV: The Poseidon Adventure; ZAFON: L'Attentat. 4.30 8.30.

HAIFA (4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: The New Mafia Boss; ARMON: Murphy's War; ATZMON: Fear Is The Key; BEIT ROTHSCHILD: Sun. The Pawnbroker, Tues & Thurs Onibaba. all perf 6.45, 9.00; CHEN: The Valachi Papers; MIRON: Slaughter; MORIAH: Pretty Maids All In A Row 6.45 9.00; ORAH: The House On Chelouche Street; ORION: The Champion Of the Boxers; ORLY: Fellini/Roma 7.00 9.15; PEER: Minnie And Moskowitz; RON: Cabaret; SHAVIT: The Ballad of Cable Hogue Mon. Thurs. 6.45 9.00 Wed. 6.45.

RAMAT GAN (4.00, 7.15, 9.30)

ARMON: Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex, But Were Afraid To Ask; HADAR: The Great Waltz. 7.00 9.30; LILI: Passion For Danger; OASIS: Fear Is the Key; ORDEA: The House On Chelouche Street; RAMA: The Bad Man Rides; RAMAT GAN: Clockwork Orange 7.15 9.45.

HERZLIYA

DAVID: A Case Of Murder. 7.15 9.30.

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8.09 Mahler: "Blumine" from Symphony No. 1; Schubert: Second Movement from the Trio in E flat Major, Op. 100; Mozart: Second Movement from String Quintet; Barber: Adagio for Strings. 9.05 "In memory of Poland's Jews" — Yitzhak Edel: Suite in memory of Poland's Jews (A. Tal-violin, J. Menze-violincello, H. Israeli-piano); Stanislav Vjechowitz: "A Letter to Marc Chagall" (Narrator: Hanna Maron and Shraga Friedmann with the orchestra and choir of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, Conductor: Jerzy Gert). 10.05 "Partisans in the Forest" — about Jews who escaped the Ghettos and who fought against the Nazis. 11.05 Ivrit L'am: Special Holocaust Day. 11.45 Selection of Poetry by Mordechai Gebritig. 12.05 Nechama Lipshitz sings. 12.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Selection of Yitzhak Katzenelson. 1.05 Children in the Holocaust. 1.40 Poems by Matheusen put to music by Theodorakis. 2.10 For Older Children. 2.20 Collection of Holocaust Poems that were translated into Spanish. 3.05 Israeli paratroopers in Europe 4.30 Ghetto Songs. 5.05 Shostakovich: Excerpts from the "Babi Yar" Symphony — (Soloist: Vitali Gromadsky (Basso) with the choir and the Philharmonic Orchestra of Moscow. Conductor: Kykil Kondrashin; Narrator: Mordechai Barkan). 6.05 Closing signal of Holocaust Day. 6.55 Announcements — seperation of First and Second Programmes.

7.00 "This Day" — People and events in the news. 7.30 Hebrew Songs. 7.50 Bible Reading: Psalms, Chaps. 11, 12. 8.06 Radiostory. 8.45 "From our concert halls" —The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra — J. S. Bach: Three Choral — Preludes for Winds (Arr.: Mordechai Rechtmann Conductor: Zubin Mehta) — Mozart: Concerto in B flat Major for violin & orchestra, K. 207. (Pinchas Zuckerman — Soloist & Conductor) — Stravinsky: "The Firebird" Suite (first version from 1910) (Conductor: Stanislav Skrovatchevsky). 10.06 "Curtain Up." 11.05 "Chamber Music" — Hayden: String Quartet in F Major, Op. 77 no. 2 (Amadeus Quartet) — Berg: Lyric Suite for Strings (Kohon Quatet). 12.10 Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457 and 423 M.

News: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00 and 11 a.m., noon, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, and 11.00 p.m., midnight and 1.00 a.m.

Commercial Programme

6.00 a.m. Religious Service 6.10 music. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.20 "Holocaust and Heroes Songs." 8.00 Combination of First and Second Programmes. 9.05 p.m. Programme Announcements. 9.06 "Yesterdays" — ed. No: 1: Canaan. 9.50 Light Music. 10.05 "First Applause" — (second broad cast). 11.05 "The Problem — take of." 11.33 Old Favorites. 12.00 O vourites (cont.). 1.05 Close Dow

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Children's Programme: 5.30 Headlines. 5.32 Yizkor. 5.40 mentary Film about children Ghettos and Concentration Ca[mps]

Arabic Programme: 6.00 Headlines. 6.32 Documentary on Holocaust. 7.30 News and ly Magazine.

Hebrew Programme: 8.00 8.30 Mabat. 8.50 This Week Five Years Ago. 9.05 War and (part 4). 10.00 Mabat Sport. News.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
766 M.

News: 7.00, 8.00 p.m.

7.02 Old Hebrew Songs 8.05 and Melodies. 8.59 The Small A ner.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457 and 423 M.

7.00 p.m. News and Commenta[ry] Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladi[no] Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 9.00 Close Down.

FOURTH PROGRAMME
407, 292 and 443 M.

News in English: 7.00 a.m., 1 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.15 a. and 8.45 p.m.

Arabic Programme: 5.58-7.00 a. 9.00 a.m., 10.58 a.m., 1.30 p.m., p.m., 9.00 p.m.-12.15 a.m.

ENGLISH PROGRAMME
407, 289, 443 M.

7.00 a.m. News and Israel Pr view. 1.30 p.m. Jerusalem cal News and Special Programme fo tyrs' and Heroes' Memorial D Newsdesk — News and N

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ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 225 and 235 M.

10.57 a.m. Opening. 11.00 New Works by Mikos Theodorakis News. 12.05 The Holocaust — posium. 1.00 News. 1.05 Antho Rememberences. 2.00 News. 2.0 Down.

2.57 Opening. 3.00 News. 3.05 Call." 4.00 News. 4.05 "Please cont. 5.00 News. 5.05 Songs Fr Shtetel. 5.40 Zahal's Diary. 6.00 6.05 The World — that stayed 7.00 News. 7.05 Hebrew Hit Pars News. 8.05 Hebrew Hit Parade Parade — cont. 9.30 My Heig New Hebrew Songs. 9.05 Ze'e tinsky as Seen Today. 10.00 Nev Tonight — with Uri Sela — live cast. 11.00 News. 11.05 Tonight 12.00 News. 12.05 Midnight Tal Close Down.

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More losses seen Arad Chemicals

Arad Chemicals are expected to exceed IL50m. in 1973/ t's manager, Shimon Friedman, told the Knesset Econo- tee last week during a tour of the complex. He said this he total investment in the project to IL300m., of which accumulated losses.

s ago the Knesset Finance Committee rejected a pro- e down the plant, in spite of its losses, even though the ncurred with criticism levelled by the State Comptroller manner in which the plant was set up and run-in.)

Mr. Friedman put complete blame for Arad Chemicals' shortcomings on its former American partner — the Madera Company, a subsidiary of Allied Chemicals — which built the plant's two giant chemical reactors, both of which soon proved defective. One of these reactors, he told the Committee, will be repaired by the end of May; and repairs will then start on the second reactor, now working at only 50 per cent capacity.

The Committee members pressed Mr. Friedman to tell them when, if ever, the plant will break even and if there is a chance, after writing off the losses, that it will ever make a profit. Mr. Friedman replied that he believed it would be possible "to overcome the design obstacles and reach a normal level of production" within two years.

The Economic Committee also visited the Dead Sea Works, whose general manager told them that although production will rise to a new record next year, rising costs of production will cut profits by some 10 per cent. (Production this year was a record 964,000 tons.)

The shoreline of the Dead Sea, company officials told the Committee, has been receding because less water flows into it. This year the water level fell in particular, because of the drought and the drop in the Kinneret's water level. At the same time, they pointed out, the company has had to raise its dams at the southern end of the sea to prevent salt deposits from clogging the dams and making them inoperational.

These facts, however, will not affect the minerals potential of the Dead Sea for several generations, the officials assured the visiting Committee members.

ZOHAR TO N IN MAY

mineral baths and rties at Hamei Zohar, d Sea shore, will be July, Mandy Porat, the Dead Sea Shore t Company, told the the Knesset Econo- ttee who visited the ek.

will include two ths, and a wide va- ith facilities, built by y at a cost of IL5m., added that the com- has invested some e site to date, plans the number of avail- ooms to 1,500 within o years.

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inister Pinhas Sapir ecent sharp price in- eached their peak and n to level off.

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Minister Haim Gvati, ared before the com- rices abroad are now good local crops are e next few months — at would bring food Israel.

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rightson, with 2,500 i a world-wide net- fices, including 20 in rates in Africa, the nd the Far East, and the largest insurance s in the world.

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UPI). — Spanish and tiators have signed a the supply of 500,000 let crude oil to Spain, agency "Cifra" said

sides agreed to meet ly, to discuss the sale er quantity of crude oil in 1974. The oil will be supplied by Sojunefte-Export, a Soviet export organization, to Hispanoil.

The contract was negotiated in the framework of the Spanish-Soviet Trade Treaty which was signed last September in Paris.

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Criminal case rulings not a basis for civil action

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on January 9, 1972 (in C.C. 2405/63).

Yitschak Pollack was found guilty by the Tel Aviv District Court of cheating Muhmad Abdul Matri into transferring several plots of land in Jaffa and elsewhere to him. His appeal against his conviction was dismissed by the Supreme Court and his sentence was increased to three years' imprisonment and fines.

A civil action was later brought against Pollack and others by the Custodian of Absentees Property in place of Matri, who had died in the meanwhile. In this action the Custodian claimed restitution of the plots of land or payment of compensation amounting to a million and a half pounds, on the grounds that the land had been extracted by Pollack from Matri by fraudulent means. The Tel Aviv District Court, composed of a different judge from the one who had heard the criminal case, found that fraud had not been proved and dismissed the Custodian's claim.

The Custodian appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court, his counsel's main argument being that the conviction against Pollack in the criminal action should have served as *prima facie* proof against him in the civil case — an argument which the District Court had rejected.

Mr. Moser appeared for the appellant and Mr. M. Caspi, Mr. Pat and Mr. I. Schnitzer for the respondents.

Judgment

Justice Landau, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justices Kister and Kahn concurring, noted that the Israel courts had in the past followed the example of the English courts in holding that a conviction in a criminal case cannot serve as proof of any kind whatsoever, either *prima facie* or otherwise, in a civil case connected with the same matter, for the reason *inter alia* that the demands of evidence in criminal cases differ from those in civil cases (see C.A. 158-53, P.D. 8,1680).

The appellant had argued in the present case, however, continued Justice Landau, that, as in the 1968 amendment of the Evidence Ordinance, the courts may now give judgment in civil cases on the strength of single, unsupported testimony, there is no longer the basic difference between the laws of criminal evidence and those of civil evidence which had existed previously (the courts having always been competent to give judgment in criminal cases on the strength of the single, uncorroborated testimony of one witness in practically all instances). He could not accept this argument, as he agreed with the District Court that there is still a difference between the evidence demanded in a civil case and that demanded in a criminal case since there are several instances in which a court, in giving judgment in a civil case on the basis of the single, unsupported testimony of one witness, must set out in its decision, in detail, as to what caused it to be satisfied with that testimony. And that does not mean, he added, that the courts can content themselves with the stock phrase that they had "cautioned themselves": that is, that they had acted with extreme wariness in relying on the uncorroborated testimony of one witness. On the contrary, the law demands some real cause, based on logic or special circumstance, which must be categorically expressed in writing, for the court's decision — which is not demanded by the law in criminal cases.

In addition, continued Juustice Landau, the Supreme Court has held in the past that a judgment in a criminal case does not serve as proof in a civil case for the added reason that a judgment is merely the expression of opinion of one judge, while another judge in a civil case, may come to a different conclusion on the basis of the evidence which he has heard. In other words, the Supreme Court has elected to favour the truth as seen by the trial judge rather than to favour the stability and certainty of accepting a judgment in a criminal case as final in so far as any further litigation on the same matter is concerned, and thus obviating conflicting judgments in criminal and civil cases (see C.A. 373/54, P.D. 10/1140). The Supreme Court did, however, he pointed out, recommend to the Knesset, in C.A. 680/66 (2 P.D. 21/290) that they give their attention to this question, which they failed to do in their amendments to the Evidence Ordinance in 1968, and only in 1972 was a bill drafted which will, when passed, make the findings and conclusions in a criminal conviction (as opposed to an acquittal) admissible as evidence in a civil case. The explanatory notes to this draft bill, continued Justice Landau, provide yet further confirmation of the fact that in accordance with the present situation a judge in a civil case may reach a different conclusion, on the basis of the evidence before him, from a judge in a criminal case dealing with the same matter.

Turning to the particular case under consideration, Justice Landau noted that it provided an excellent example of the serious difficulties which can arise when both a criminal and a civil action are brought in connection with the same matter. For here a man had been found guilty and served his sentence and yet had been found to be exempt from civil liability in the same matter. Moreover, the fact that he had been exempted from civil liability was bound to cast some doubt on the justice of his criminal conviction in the minds of those not well-versed in the law. The latter could find comfort, he continued, in the thought that the doing of justice depends, amongst other things, on the manner in which evidence is presented to the courts and, in the final analysis, on the evaluation of the evidence by flesh and blood judges who aspire to establish the truth as they see it but who may not always succeed in finding the absolute truth. Perfect consistency between the results of a criminal and a civil case, he continued, can be achieved only by making the judgment in the criminal case serve as absolute proof in the civil case, or by joining the criminal and civil actions; and it is not at all certain that the consistency so obtained would, in all cases, make for greater justice.

On the merits of the District Court's decision, Justice Landau held that it would appear that while the court trying the criminal case had accepted Matri's testimony as true, the court trying the civil case had been of the opinion, in the light of other evidence before it, that Matri's testimony in the criminal case (Matri not having testified in the civil case as he had died in the meanwhile) had not been reliable. He could see no cause, he held, for interfering with this decision or with the District Court's evaluation of the remaining evidence before it and with its final conclusion that there was no conclusive proof that Pollack had defrauded Matri.

The appeal should, therefore, be dismissed.

Appeal dismissed with IL2,000 costs for the first respondents and IL1,000 for the other respondents.

Judgment given on April 4, 1973.

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals

Before Justices Landau, Kister and Kahn.

The Custodian of Absentees Property, Appellant, v. Yitschak Pollack and Others, Respondents (C.A. 79/72).

The Jerusalem Post **LAW REPORT** Edited by Doris Lankin

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Conflicting judgments possible in criminal and civil cases

U.K. petrol prices hiked

LONDON (UPI). — Britain's oil companies yesterday increased petrol prices by up to two pence (20 agorot) per gallon (4.5 litres).

The increases were approved by the Government's Price Commission, which issued its first report yesterday. It was the fourth petrol price rise in two years, and garages and service stations reported a rush of motorists filling up before the increase price came into effect at midnight.

The increase coincides with the end, this weekend, of Phase Two of Prime Minister Edward Heath's pay and prices policy.

The price increases approved by the Commission were of one half-penny (about five agorot) across the board on all petroleum- and oil-based products, but the distribution of the rises on individual products was left to the companies concerned.

Shell-Mex and British Petroleum (BP) said all grades of petrol would go up by one penny a gallon. Esso fixed their increase at 9/10ths of a penny on all grades.

Oil strike off Thailand

BANGKOK (Reuter). — The American Tenneco Oil Company has struck crude oil in the Gulf of Thailand, informed mining sources said yesterday.

The sources said a Tenneco Thailand Inc. rig hit crude oil at a depth of over 600 metres, about 160 miles off the coast of Songkhla province.

Company officials refused to give any information about the reported oil strike. But the sources said testing was continuing to find out whether the rig had hit an oil field or just a minor pocket.

Lebanon airline ups profits 89%

BEIRUT (AP). — Middle East Airlines (M.E.A.), the national carrier of Lebanon, chalked up a remarkable profit of 29.9m. Lebanese pounds ($11.5m.) in 1972, board chairman Najib Alamuddin said in a letter to stockholders published Friday.

This constitutes an 89 per cent rise over 1971's profit of 15.8m. pounds.

Alamuddin, who was named Minister of Public Works in the new Lebanese cabinet Wednesday, said M.E.A.'s profit was "particularly remarkable because it contrasts with the situation in the air transport industry generally."

M.E.A. is owned 35 per cent by Air France and 65 per cent by the Intra Investment Co., a group handling the assets of Lebanon's defunct Intra Bank.

Ban proposed on child labour

GENEVA (UPI). — The International Labour Organization (ILO) said last week it has proposed a new world convention prohibiting work by children less than 14 years old.

It said the convention is designed to eliminate child labour which is still widespread in many parts of the world. In 1970, the ILO said, there were more than 40 million children under 15 employed throughout the world.

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MEMORIAL DAY

THIRTY years after the heroic Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the real meaning of the holocaust still eludes us although we live daily under the trauma of the loss of a third of our people, and with the determination that this will never happen again.

This year, Memorial Day assumes additional poignancy as new threats of war again emanate from Egypt; as Jewish leadership are confronted with a terrible dilemma of having to decide what course is likely to be best for their brethren in the Soviet Union. Labouring under heavy guilt feelings and memories of what could have been done, and was not, to save Jews from the Hitler death factories, we are again facing a basic question — how to proceed in saving fellow Jews from stagnation as a people and from the threat to their Jewish future in the Soviet Union.

In the past year, Israelis watched a television documentary that showed how French-men collaborated willingly with the Nazis in rounding up French Jews who were sent to their certain death. We recall that only recently another reminder of the ambivalent attitude of the Catholic Church to Jews and the failure of the Vatican to save many of them was disclosed by the Vatican itself, thus confirming the many reports concerning the actions of Pope Pius at the time.

A week before we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Israel, we must resolve again to close our ranks, to unite our efforts, so that Jews will not again be the object of barbarous destruction.

Human memory is very frail, and the holocaust is gradually and conveniently being forgotten abroad. We shall have to make sure that we, at least, will never forget the martyrs, and that a strong and flourishing Israel is perhaps the most fitting monument to their memory. To this we must dedicate ourselves today.

Readers' letters

FLOWERS FROM NEPAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am a student from Nepal and wish to voice my disappointment after visiting the 21st International Flower Show at Haifa where only Holland and the Philippines are prominently mentioned as the participating countries while Nepal, written in Hebrew, is hidden among kibbutzim and other local contributors.

We are only a small Himalayan nation, but we deserve more recognition than the organisers have decided upon.

SAJAN RAM BHANDARY

Haifa, April 18.

Pen friends

ROLAND BINET (28), 37 Rue des Cailloux, Rixensart 1330 (Belgium) and his wife would like to correspond with Israelis. They are interested in modern literature, music of all kinds, movies and politics and can correspond in French, English or German.

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Obviously, Israel from all points of view, is a country which many people wish to see, but surely these visits can be carried out with some dignity and discretion, particularly by Jews.

On the whole I would like to see far more moderate behaviour and less indulgence in celebrational activities until the time comes when all Jews and all Arabs are able to live their lives in peace and harmony.

The current QE2 trip and the ballyhoo and publicity given to it are something which we can do without.

H. L. HILLMAN

London, April 12

WORTH COPYING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It may be of interest to many of your readers that the U.S. Department of Transportation has announced a new regulation requiring the seller of a new or used motor vehicle to disclose to a buyer, in writing, the real mileage the vehicle has travelled. Effective since March 1, the new law declares tampering with an metoath to conceal actual mileage to be illegal. If there is a serious accident, part of the cause of which is determined to be an erroneous odometer reading, the seller will be liable to the buyer for three times the actual damages or $1,500 — whichever is greater.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Haifa, April 19.

CHALLENGES to BEN-AHARON

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon has changed his mind on when the Histadrut elections should be held. His political future is only one of the important issues at stake. Political correspondent MARK SEGAL reports on this week's Labour Party debate.

THE Labour Party leadership bureau is meeting this week to decide on the date of the Histadrut elections. Some months ago, the same forum decided to hold this year's polls on September 11 and it will now probably choose a later date. What is at stake in fact, is who will head this vast organization, with its wide influence on Israeli life.

It was Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon who, four years back, called for a clear division between the two election campaigns — the Histadrut's and the Knesset's. Until now, the Labour Federation has usually provided a kind of dress rehearsal for the general election, and a decline in Labour Alignment fortunes in the Histadrut vote has sometimes injected new energy into the party leading to a recovery in time for the Knesset poll — as happened, for example, in 1965.

Of late, however, Ben-Aharon has been the most vigorous defender of the September 11 deadline; and in demanding that this decision be left unchanged, he has now also insisted that his party decide where he stands. Mr. Ben-Aharon has finally come out into the open with a declared readiness to stay at Histadrut head offices for another four-year term. Until now he has been speaking in much more reluctant tones, indeed, in the past few months we have witnessed him performing a slow but distinct somersault, from his protestation of "I will only serve one term" to his recent entry into the race.



Ben Aharon — declined to get fed up.



Almogi — several options.



Meshel — improving his chances.

Mistake and disappointment

There are those who say that this shifting position is a function of his gradual acceptance of a realistic appraisal of his political standing. These same circles hold that it took quite some time and energy for his old Ahdut Ha'avoda comrades to bring him down to earth. It is an open secret that almost the entire ex-Mapai leadership believes that one of Premier Golda Meir's biggest mistakes was to offer Ben-Aharon the No. 1 Histadrut job.

Nor is it news that the ex-Mapai Histadrut bosses were deeply disappointed when Ben-Aharon declined to get fed up and resign. Instead, he carved out a niche in the public mind, thanks largely to an excellent television presence.

Even his critics cannot deny that he brought charm and panache to the job, blemished only by a rather abrasive personal manner. By talking at length about the absolutes of socialist fundamentalism, he won himself the role of leader of the Left — especially of Mapam, at whose recent party convention he won louder applause than anyone else, including veteran leader Meir Ya'ari. He also reconfirmed his unofficial position of permanent odd man out, and set himself up as a one-man opposition to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

His recent charge that the real way to make money in Israel was not by working hard or by prudent investment but by having the right connections in the Treasury has raised sharp ex-Mapai antagonism.

Closing of ranks

Playing down his call for unilateral withdrawal from the territories as a Ben-Aharon peccadillo, his old Ahdut Ha'avoda comrades have lined themselves up solidly behind him, for they do not wish to lose such a focus of power, especially at a time when the battle for the succession looms just over the horizon. There has been a general closing of Ahdut Ha'avoda ranks, irrespective of differences of opinion on policy as evinced by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Minister without Portfolio Israel Galili in the "grand debate" on the territories. When it comes to the crunch, the Kibbutz Hame'uhad loyalists always hold together.

There is another element which should not be overlooked: Ben-Aharon is today the most influential person in the Kibbutz Hame'uhad, and reportedly earns even more applause than Galili at its council meetings. That influence has been slightly neutralized by the work of the new and dynamic Kibbutz Federation secretary, Danny Rosolio. Having Ben-Aharon out of office is one of Galili's current nightmares, it is said. Moreover, keeping him at the Histadrut disengages the Kibbutz Hame'uhad leadership from the horns of a possible dilemma, for otherwise they might have to choose among Allon, Galili and Ben-Aharon for the two Cabinet seats allocated to Ahdut Ha'avoda.

All this did not stop Ahdut Ha'avoda from rejecting Mr. Ben-Aharon's proposals to reform the Histadrut organizational set-up and election system, which would have increased the number of workers on trade union executive forums. It is ironical that only the ex-Rafi group in the Alignment Histadrut faction fully backed his reform programmes, with ex-Mapai, and especially Mapam, opposed.

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SEVERE critics of Mr. Ben-Aharon, declare that he never took the Histadrut job seriously, treating it purely as a stepping-stone back into the inner councils of power. They charge that as "the people's tribune" (to borrow a term frequently used by his followers), he became enchanted with his own phrases without effecting any real change. During his term of office, they say, it was the well-paid pressure groups, such as the port workers and Egged drivers, who got fatter pay packets.

His supporters argue that if not for fear of Ben-Aharon's reaction, the Finance Ministry would have imposed even a greater share of the financial burden of the economy on the heavily taxed wage-earners. On the other hand, there are many ex-Mapai trade union leaders who point to what they consider Ben-Aharon's disappointing record on the labour front. Instead of trying to solve a specific dispute, they charge, he often endeavoured to blow it up into an issue of national political significance out of all proportion to the claim in question.

There are a number of theories why ex-Mapai leaders began suddenly to speak openly of having another secretary-general — in a conspicuous challenge to Ben-Aharon's influence among the mass of trade unionists. This is quite a recent phenomenon, because until the end of last summer it was feared that without him there might be a veritable earthquake.

Some say it was a series of public opinion polls. The public was asked whom they would vote for to the Histadrut No. 1 job and three names were mentioned: Ben-Aharon, Almogi and Histadrut deputy Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel, who is also the Labour Party Histadrut whip. What was highly significant was the broad support for Almogi, and in a number of polls the gap between him and Ben-Aharon was surprisingly narrow. The polls came as a welcome surprise both to the Almogi and Meshel supporters and as a warning light to Ahdut Ha'avoda.

These polls also provided material for discussion when the Gush bloc of ex-Mapai politicians assembled for their regular Friday evening conclaves at the home of Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz. They also came to the conclusion that what was termed Ben-Aharon's agitation among trade unionists against government economic policy worked in favour of the opposition parties.

Two concrete examples were produced — with suitable reverberations throughout the party: the sharp decline in the Labour Alignment vote at the poll to the textile workers union, with a steep increase for Gahal. Gahal cracks appeared too in the hitherto solidly Labour stronghold of the union of civilian employees of the defence establishment. It was noteworthy that the Labour Alignment kept its control of that union due to an excellent showing at the Haifa branch poll.

Haifa in the trade union and Labour Party context today means Yosef Almogi. That too was marked down in innumerable little black notebooks kept by all Gush politicians following the model of the "king maker" himself — Mr. Sapir—whose little notebook, contrary to rumours, has green covers...

Leadership in Haifa

For Yosef Almogi has really inherited control of the Labour Party machine in Haifa from his old comrade, the late Mayor Abba Khoushy. His trouble is that, unlike Abba Khoushy, he does not have an Almogi to aid him. Today, Yosef Almogi is in a unique position for an Israeli political leader of having a number of options open to him.

Almogi has already built up a solid national reputation as a good labour minister (indeed he is the first Haifa politician to reach this level) and a hardworking one at that. The fact that he has focused on his own ministerial duties instead of competing with the Defence and Foreign Ministers has increased public esteem for him.

He can either stay put, or given the present plight of the Haifa Labour establishment, the mayoralty is his for the asking (rumour has it that the latest party favourite for the job is Avigdor Bartel of the Haifa Refineries), while the Histadrut also beckons. The Mapai bosses are indebted to him, not only for having been one of those who fought to bring Rafi back into the fold, but also because he was the first to break away from the Rafi camp in 1968 to join the Cabinet as a Mapai candidate.

Under Almogi's prompting Rafi returned to Mapai in the Haifa branch, with only Ahdut Ha'avoda retaining a separate existence. Nevertheless, the distrust among some Mapai circles persist because in 1965 Almogi opted for Ben-Gurion. This puts him in a difficult position, because Rafi as such has disowned him following a recent "Ma'ariv" interview in which he lined himself up behind Mapai and came out for Mr. Sapir as the next Premier after Mrs. Meir.

MR. Meshel is an affable down-to-earth man who has risen through trade union ranks and was second-in-charge during the term of Ben-Aharon's predecessor Aharon Becker. Since 1969, Meshel has been head of the Labour Party Histadrut caucus and ex-Mapai Histadrut whip, in charge of "havereinu" — the inner forum of Labour Party Histadrut leaders.

Thereby, he has offset Ben-Aharon's prime position to the federation hierarchy and neutralised some of his moves, producing loud protests from the explosive Secretary-General. For this was the first time that the top party leader in the Histadrut and its secretary-general were not one-and-the-same person.

One could not imagine two more different types — either in style or in approach, and tension reigned more often than not between them over the past years. This was especially so when Ben-Aharon sought to make the Histadrut independent of the party that put him there. Meshel, as an integral part of the Gush, has helped formulate party tactics in the Histadrut.

Election campaigns

At first he did not favour postponing the Histadrut elections, but lately he has swung round to the rest of the Gush. One Mapai motive for changing the polling date was a desire to have a free hand in choosing another secretary-general; the other was that the election should not appear to centre around Ben-Aharon. There was the fear, among one group, that even a slight improvement in the Labour Alignment Histadrut vote would strengthen Ben-Aharon's position. Yet others were apprehensive that with the Histadrut elections preceding the Knesset poll, Gahal would focus its election propaganda on Ben-Aharon. By simply quoting his attacks on Sapir it would frustrate the Alignment election campaign design, with its positive emphasis on asking for votes for the best team to govern the country. At any rate Avraham Ofer, Mapai's choice to run the election campaign, has refused to work with Ben-Aharon.

According to my sources of information in the Labour Party, the Leadership Bureau is expected to switch the Histadrut date by a generous majority.

Observers of internal Labour Party affairs remarked on three significant developments just before Passover:

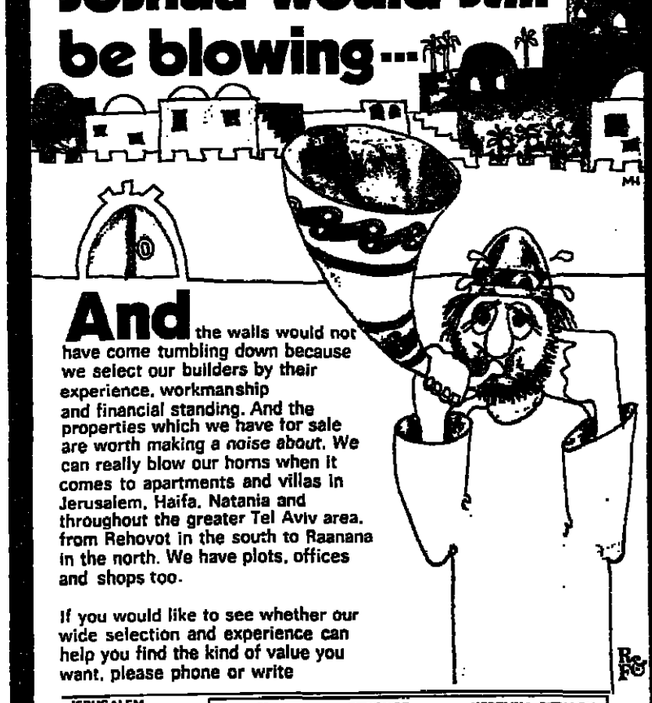
- Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin told Ben-Aharon that he did not fear a confrontation in a secret ballot vote for the Histadrut secretary-generalship at the party Central Committee;
- Ahdut Ha'avoda started talking meekly in favour of a December poll and of leaving the secretary-generalship issue open;
- Meshel came round for postponement of the Histadrut poll, and spoke of "the same team (i.e. Ben-Aharon and Meshel) going to the elections"...

What has emerged, then, is that Yadlin who invariably reflects Gush opinion on such matters, has in effect served notice to Ben-Aharon that in a secret ballot he might lose. This has brought round Ahdut Ha'avoda, in fear that its candidate might lose in such a contest. In the meantime, Meshel, whose name would no doubt be put on such a ballot, is improving his chances for any eventuality (he is also expected to secure a safe place on the Alignment Knesset list). There is one body of opinion in the Labour Party which holds that the Gush's main loyalty is to Meshel and that its members might use Almogi as a lever to remove Ben-Aharon, but then drop him again.

Yet in the final analysis, as one highly placed Labour Party politician put it to me last week, it all depends on how Sapir moves, and he in turn will adjust his tactics only after the long-awaited decision of Golda Meir on the Premiership.

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